

Lifestyle of Prayer

God is so on the move! Hundreds of thousands step forward every year to pray on the National Day of Prayer! This year, on May 7, last Thurs, many thousands more prayed as hearts are being moved by the Holy Spirit to seek the Lord – people who have never sought Him before, people who have drifted from His side, and Christians who are being renewed in their walk with Him! Over 1,500 have already viewed our BHBC Special Prayer Service with great responses, many share the Georgia service is also outstanding, and over 380,000+ have already viewed the National Broadcast from NDP. There were other national services including the White House and hundreds of services locally on Face Book, YouTube, Instagram, live like our service in towns, communities, and states all over our nation. In addition, we are finding information about many people coming to the Lord. Greg Laurie, with Harvest Crusades, in California saw 30,000+ salvations in April. Nick Hall, with Pulse, reported 117,000 recorded decisions in worldwide broadcasts. He is calling this the “Great Quarantine Revival”!

“Thank you” to those who joined us Thursday night, May 7, for the BHBC Special Prayer Service on the National Day of Prayer. (In case you did not get to attend that service or see Georgia and national broadcasts, links are below).

Interceding daily for our families, churches, community, nation and the world is important for our future and, even more importantly, it is necessary for the future we desire for our children and grandchildren. As our nation has drifted from the “plumb line” God set in the foundations of our country, there is even a greater need for us to unite in prayer daily (Amos 7:7-8). Every prayer you lift-up to God makes a difference and is important to Him. It is your prayers that move God’s mighty hand!

Our hearts are touched by the Holy Spirit, even stronger now, for us to hold tight to our Christian values in our community and our nation. Our continued united prayers draw God’s power to keep these values in place. Even further, we can pray for God to help us return to that “plumb line” He initiated in building our country. Your prayers release God’s mighty power!

Praying for our Nation:

In intercession, our hearts naturally go first to those we love and know because we are aware of what is happening in their lives and their needs. As we grow deeper in the Lord through establishing our “Lifestyle of Prayer”, may we:

- Ask God to give you His heart for our nation and what He wants you to pray. The Holy Spirit will prompt you from announcements on the radio, words in a TV broadcast, a story your child shares with you and so much more.
- Pray daily individually and with your family, even if it is just for a few minutes!
- Lift up prayers from the “7 Centers of Influence” on our nation – Churches, Families, Business, Education, Government, Military and Media/Arts.
- Pray for people you know. Make it personal:

- Good health for your family
- Your job and employer
- Healing for people you know who have the virus
- Your children's teachers
- First responders you know (fireman, policeman, doctors, nurses, military)
- Owners/workers of businesses where you like to shop
- Workers in the restaurants where you love to eat
- Pray as the Holy Spirit leads:
 - For an end to this virus in our country
 - That we do not have a resurgence of this virus as we reopen our state and nation
 - That we are able to reopen our schools in August
 - That businesses can soon reopen
 - That we do not have major food shortages
 - That our media once again will report the news and not just give opinions
 - For God's wisdom and guidance for our leaders – local, state and national.

There is so much that needs our prayers!

As the Holy Spirit prompts you what to pray in all situations, stop right then and pray! Remember, our Father says to bring everything to Him first. He yearns to hear from you and answer you. Then the Holy Spirit will be leading you into a "Lifestyle of Prayer" throughout your day in addition to designated prayer times and devotionals. From this you will discover a new height in your relationship with the Lord! May we each resolve to keep our focus on the Lord and what we have discovered during this time as we move further into the reopening of our state and nation.

Pastor Alan shared in the BHBC Special Prayer Service we would be following up with more information and prayer activities. We hope you enjoy and can utilize some of these ideas as you expand your "Lifestyle of Prayer" even more.

Continued Prayer Ideas:

- **Links from National Day of Prayer 2020:**
 - [BHBC Live Special Prayer Service](#)
 - [Georgia National Day of Prayer Capitol Service](#)
 - [White House National Day of Prayer](#)
 - [National Day of Prayer – National Broadcast](#)
- **4/4:04 PRAYER INITIATIVE – Pray 4 minutes at 4:04pm May 3-May 31**
Atlanta area & Georgia pastors urging we, as churches, unite in prayer!
#Pray404
Face Book: Prayer at Burnt Hickory
Web site: www.burnthickory.com/prayer
- **Families, Pray for our Nation – [7 Day Devotional Guide](#)**
Start any day, at your convenience (Originally set to lead up to the Nat'l Day of Prayer)

- Every person and family establish a regular devotional time with the Lord to deepen their relationship with the Lord and raise up the next generation of intercessors.
- Begin praying every day for our nation and our people, even if it is just for a few minutes! Every prayer you lift up makes a difference!
- Everyone in your neighborhood goes outside their house and prays at a specific time (Many neighborhoods are already doing this and including praise and worship songs)
- Prayer-Drive to one of the “7 Mountains” in your community (schools, church, businesses, local government buildings, state capitol in Atlanta, Dobbins Air Force Base). As you drive around the building pray for a hedge of protection around the building and pray for the people who are or would be there. God will hear and honor your prayers.
- Place a sign in your yard or in the window of your car saying, “This is a house/car that is praying for people”. You could even include, “How can we pray for you?”
- Write notes, as well as texts for neighbors, co-workers, pastors and other leaders telling them you have prayed for them that day. What an encouragement that will be to them!
- Get a map of your state or the nation. Let your children/students point or say a place they would like to pray for and then lift-up prayers for that city or state’s education, schools, teachers, students, staffs and volunteers. You could also choose another of the “7 Centers of Influence” to pray over like government, Washington, D.C.
- Another idea with a map can be to use a large puzzle map of the country or state, an atlas, or road map - any kind of map that you or your children have. Grab a die. Have everyone take turns rolling the die onto the map. After rolling the die, each person will pray for the area the die lands on. It will be fun praying for areas you may not have even heard of, and your prayers will mean so much for that area.
- This idea uses the alphabet. If you have any plastic or cardboard letters from games or educational items, these are great to use. If not, write the letters of the alphabet on index cards or paper. Place your letters in a box or bowl. Next, look up the list of schools in your district on your electronic device. Take turns drawing a letter from the box or bowl. Look at the list of schools, and choose one or all schools that start with that letter and say a special prayer for that school and all involved. God will hear and honor those prayers.
- “20 for 2020”: people within your center of influence commit to pray 20 minutes daily
- Conduct a Conference Call, Facebook Live or other social media event praying for each other or leading a prayer service.