## Time to go to the Lord

Like never before, it is time <u>NOW</u> to go to the Lord! As our state, Georgia, became the first state to start the reopening process last Friday, April 24, 2020, let us each seek the Lord's discernment and wisdom in determining what are safe guidelines for us and our families and lift up our neighborhoods, communities, state and nation in regard to our the next steps for our churches, schools, businesses, government, military, entertainment and our life styles.

## Join online for a **Statewide Day of Prayer Service** for Georgia **April 27, this Monday 10a**

https://www.facebook.com/GovKemp/posts/2929021790520522

Then join us for **National Day of Prayer May 7** (See all details below)

## Start praying now for our nation, even if it is just 5 minutes a day!

**PRAISE** the Lord for He is carrying each of us, His children, whom He loves, through these days, showing us the good He is working for us out of this difficult time and giving us hope for the future changes that are coming.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Rom 8:28)

**PRAY** and seek the Lord until you know His direction and guidance for you and your family, so you will then receive His all fulfilling peace and calm.

"And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left." (Is 30:21)

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

**PRAY** for you and your family to see the need to still be careful and observe social distancing when you go out into your neighborhoods and beyond.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." (*Matt 7:12*)

**PRAY** for our neighborhoods, communities, school, and businesses, many who are "Mom and Pop" companies locally owned and many who are large corporations. **PRAY** for the owners,

staffs, and workers in the hard decisions they are making about whether to open, when to open, or how to open and be safe.

"For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man." (2Cor 8:12)

**PRAY** for those in government leadership positions from our local mayors and officials, our Georgia governor and our state representatives/senators, our Congress in Washington, the Cabinet, the COVID-19 Task Force, VP Pence and President Trump. **PRAY** for political prejudices to be removed as we lift up our leaders. **PRAY** for strength and endurance for them because, as leaders, they are making major decisions affecting our lives, our families and all our futures. "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph 4:29)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us," (Heb 12:1)

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate His rule with trembling." (*Ps 2:10-11*)

**PRAY** we will be kind to each other and reach out to help those in need during these days. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Heb 13:16)

**PRAISE** the Lord for the direction and planning He has given our pastors and leaders for these coming summer months that will enhance the life of our church family, encourage us to continue reflecting the light of the Lord, reaching out to "be the church" and to help grow our church.

**PRAY** the Lord will give our church pastors and leaders wisdom and discernment as we take cautionary, incremental steps to reopen our facility. **PRAY** that God will be incredibly clear in sending His Word and message and discerning spirit about how this needs to best happen. "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." (Jer 3:15)

**PRAY** on your full divine armor of God (Eph 6:10-18) *every morning* and then pray thru Ps 91 for your family's protection.

Reach out every day (by phone, text, letter, or when social distancing) and ask someone:

- How can I pray for you? Then pray for and with them right then!
- While walking (with social distancing) pray "onsite with insite" for the people and things around you. Every prayer counts!
- Share this prayer guide with others by email or giving them our website info: <u>https://www.burnthickory.com/prayer/</u>

## National Day of Prayer, May 7

- Be sure to have a family devotion with prayer for our nation
- Join Pastors Matt and Alan along with BHBC leaders online for our:

BHBC National Day of Prayer Service May 7, Thursday 7pm

• Gather for continued observance of National Day of Prayer with Christian leaders from across our nation:

National Day of Prayer Service May 7, Thursday 8pm EST



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