

P.R.A.Y. - Our Response to the Coronavirus Crisis

Lord God Almighty ~Psalm 46~

Focus Song for Week: King of Kings by Hillsong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5lcFWiEpg>

Sunday - Church body - All Campuses and Missionaries

Praise - **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1**

Repent - We confess _____ (ex. fear, worry, anger, control...)

Ask - Help our church body to _____ (ex. Pray, Worship, Learn, Relate, Serve, Give, Reach...)

Yield - We surrender our church to be used for Your honor and glory. We are willing to _____ (ex. use time, talents and treasure...).

Monday - Family

Praise - **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Psalm 46:2,3**

Repent - We confess _____ (ex. fear, worry, anger, control...)

Ask - Help our family to _____ (ex. pray, stay calm, love, serve, witness...)

Yield - We surrender our family to be used for Your honor and glory. We are willing to _____ (obey, love, learn, serve...).

Tuesday - Community, Schools, Neighborhoods

Praise - **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. Psalm 46:4,5**

Repent - We confess _____ (ex. panic, fear, worry, anger, control...)

Ask - Give our community and schools _____ (ex. wisdom, protection, laws, truth...)

Yield - We surrender our community, schools and neighborhoods to be used for Your honor and glory.

Wednesday - Government and Leadership

Praise - **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Psalm 46:6,7**

Repent - We confess our personal and national sins of _____ (ex. apathy, division, violence, greed, arrogance...)

Ask - Give our leaders _____ (ex. wisdom, protection, discernment, integrity, truth...)

Yield - We surrender our government to your control. "Your kingdom come, your will be done. Matthew 6:10".

Thursday - Media

Praise - **Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. Psalm 46:8,9**

Repent - We confess our personal and national sins of _____ (ex. indulgence, fear, division, deceit...)

Ask - Help the media to broadcast _____ (ex. truth, hope, encouragement...)

Yield - We surrender the media to your control. "Your kingdom come, your will be done. Matthew 6:10".

Friday - Medical Personnel and the Sick

Praise - **Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10a**

Repent - We confess thoughts of _____ (ex. fear, worry, anger, control...)

Ask - Help the sick and their caregivers to be _____ (ex. trusting, discerning, patient, healed, know Christ...)

Yield - We surrender the COVID-19 for your redemptive purposes in our country. "Your kingdom come, Your will be done. Matthew 6:10".

Saturday - Business and Economy

Praise - **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Psalm 46:10b,11**

Repent - We confess _____ (ex. pride, fear, worry, anger, control...)

Ask - Help employers, employees, and consumers to have _____ (ex. wisdom, integrity, protection, provision...)

Yield - We surrender our businesses and economy to Your control. "Your kingdom come, your will be done. Matthew 6:10".

Why Pray ?

2 Reasons we pray:

1) Deepen our personal relationship with the Lord.

“Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name”

2) To bring His will down to Earth.

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.

Intercessory prayer is the purifying bath into which the individual and the fellowship must enter into every day.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of omnipotence. Charles Spurgeon

Matthew 18:19,20 Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on Earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I in their midst.

Mark 9:29 He replied, This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

Luke 18:1-8 vs. 7 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

...He described how he set up a process for recording and authenticating miracles, for “once I realized how many miracles were occurring in our own day...(I saw) how wrong it would be to allow the memory of these marvels of divine power to perish from among our people. It is only two years ago that the keeping of records was begun here in Hippo , and already, at this writing, we have nearly seventy attested miracles.

Augustine