A Day of Prayer was organised by The Gospel Coalition. You might find it helpful to use this prayer guide from morning to night to inspire your own praying.

This prayer guide is to help you pray this morning. Start your prayer time by reading Psalm 27 and then spend some time praying about the various topics.

I. Remember and rejoice in the character of God.

Reflect and meditate on the character of God: he is all powerful, all knowing, never-changing, ever-present, full of loving-kindness, mercy and grace toward all who call on his name.

Psalm 27:1-2

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

II. Pray about your specific fears.

Express your fears, anxieties, and concerns to the Lord. Pour out your heart to him. Seek his face and ask for him to hide you in his shelter during this time of trouble.

Psalm 27:3-5

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not
fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. 4
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to
inquire in his temple. 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in
the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of
his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

III. Sing a song of praise to God.

Sing or listen to a hymn, song, or psalm. As you do, reflect on the Lord's goodness, and ask him to help you trust him with your fears.

Psalm 27:6

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies
all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with
shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

IV. Pray for your community and world.

Pray for the needs of the world around you: family members, neighbours, medical workers, governing officials, those who are suffering financially, and those who are sick. Ask the Lord to sustain, provide, heal, and guide. Ask him to give his people endurance, wisdom, and hope.

Psalm 27:7

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

V. Pray for those who do not know the Lord.

Consider those in your life who do not know the Lord. Pray that they would seek the Lord during this pandemic. Ask the Lord to open their eyes, ears, minds, and hearts to the truth of his Word. Pray that they would turn to the Lord and find salvation, refuge, and help.

Psalm 27:8-10

8 You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.” 9 Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

VI. Ask the Lord to teach you and protect you.

Pray for protection—both physically and spiritually. Ask the Lord to use this time of crisis to draw you closer to him and teach you more about his Word and his ways.

Psalm 27:11-12

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. 12 Give me not up to the will

of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

VII. Ask the Lord for endurance.

We do not know how long this trial will last. Pray that the Lord will conquer this virus quickly. Also pray for endurance to stand in the midst of the trial, however long you maybe called to endure.

Psalm 27:13-14

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
Spend some time meditating on what you've been learning through this trial. What is God's Word teaching you? What truths about God are comforting your soul? How is this experience changing you to be more like Christ?

GUIDED PRAYER

Midday Prayer

I. Praise God that he welcomes and hears our prayers.

Psalm 10:17

17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear.

Psalm 50:15

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

II. Share your prayer requests with one another and pray for one another. Consider asking each person to share one struggle and one blessing they have experienced in this trial.

1 Peter 5:7

7 Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Ephesians 6:18

18 Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Galatians 6:2

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

III. Pray for your church, specifically your pastors and ministry leaders. Ask that the Lord would refresh and encourage these leaders as they serve during this crisis. Pray that church members will be patient, understanding, and encouraging.

1 Thessalonians 5:25

25 Brothers, pray for us.

Proverbs 11:15

15 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

IV. Pray that the gospel message would be boldly proclaimed and that many people would come to know Jesus.

Ephesians 6:19–20

19 [Pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Colossians 4:3

3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ.

Psalm 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

V. Pray for your local governing officials, as well as governing officials all over the world.

1 Timothy 2:1

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

VI. Pray for healing for the sick and for an end to this virus.

3 John 2

2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

VII. Together, thank God that he is our refuge in times of trouble.

Psalm 73:28

28 But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Psalm 5:11

11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

Psalm 18:2

2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 46:1 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 57:1

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

Evening Prayer

- Prayers for the sick and suffering
- Prayers for medical workers
- Prayers for provision/economy
- Prayers for local, national, and global government officials
- Prayers for church leaders and missionaries
- Prayer for families
- Prayers for the lost

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