

Suggested prayer points for National Day of Prayer 2021

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Political Leadership:

- Pray for President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, that God will grant him good health, wisdom, and strength.
- Pray for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Pray that God will guide him to govern the country with justice, equality and promote fraternity. Pray that God would grant him good health.
- Pray for the cabinet and all union ministers that they would be given insight and would serve in all fairness looking after the welfare of the people of India.
- Pray for all the political leaders in our country that they would uphold the interest of the nation above all other things. Pray that they would be given wisdom by God and would continue to work with integrity, love, and competence.
- Pray that political leaders will uphold the values enshrined in our constitution in their public and private lives.

State government:

- Pray for peace and prosperity for every state in our country.
- Pray for the various Governors, Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors of various states and UTs. Pray for their cabinets and supporting ministers as well.
- Pray that the leaders would be seek excellence in all that they do and promote.
- Pray for infrastructure development, economic growth, and social development in all the states & UT

Judiciary

- Pray for the judges of the Supreme Court, various High Courts, and district courts. Pray that the judges would be able to work without pressure and impartially. Pray for wisdom and strength for them.
- Pray for lawyers and other people associated with courts. Pray that they would function with integrity and uphold the cause of the victims.

Other Statutory Bodies

- Pray for the Election Commission of India and the various state election commissions that they would be able to function well and conduct free and fair elections.
- Pray for the CBI, ED, National Human Rights Commission, National Minorities Commission, National Law Commission, National Commission for Women, National Green Tribunal, National Commission for Backward Classes, Armed Forces Tribunal etc.

Society

- Pray that people would respect, value, and pursue unity in diversity. Pray that people from different ethnic and linguistic backgrounds would cohabit peacefully and harmoniously.
- Pray for social harmony in India. Pray against the divisive forces that use religion or any other tool to divide and polarize people.
- Pray for having courage to counter social evils such as caste discrimination, gender violence and abuse, child labour, human trafficking, economic inequality, and systemic oppression of the poor and disadvantaged. Pray that the God of justice will uphold their cause and free them from the oppressor's stranglehold.
- Pray for our food providers – the farmers, that their demands are listened to by the ruling dispensation with a sympathetic ear. Pray that the propaganda against them would die down and the situation would be resolved amicably.
- Pray for the protection of vulnerable sections of society especially women, children, Dalits, Minorities etc.

Media

- Pray that the media would function as it should and not as a vehicle of spreading disinformation, hate or lies.
- Pray for independent media that they would come up in a major way to highlight stories that are ignored by mainstream media either due to lack of attention or compromise.
- Pray for the discourse on social media that it may become more pleasant rather than toxic. Pray that social media is used in a constructive way to promote harmony, unity and peace rather than dissension.

Defence Forces

- Thank God for our brave soldiers and pray for their protection.
- Pray that the service of Army, Navy and Air Force will benefit the country at large. Provide them with peace and surround them with love as many of them are away from their families and their loved ones.
- Pray for the Ministry of Defence and its various wings that they would continue to serve the nation to the best of its ability.

Church and Church leadership:

- Pray for the Church in India. Pray that the Church would be able to boldly proclaim and stand for the truth.
- Pray that the Church would speak out for the poor, marginalized, and discriminated and would continue to serve them.
- Pray for the proclamation and the living of the Gospel in India. Pray that the Church would continue to make Jesus known and to lift His name on high through our lives and words. Pray that the Good news of Jesus Christ would reach everyone so that all will understand the preciousness of life and work together to enhance life
- Pray that love for God's Word would transform people and the knowledge of the Lord would grow as people engage with God's Word.

- Pray for Metropolitans, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, Elders and all in church leadership that they may imitate Christ's humility and serve with deep love, compassion, and concern.
- Pray that the churches display the love of God by becoming the salt and the light of the world.

The Persecuted

- Pray for Religious freedom in our country. Pray that every individual would be able to freely practice and propagate their choice of religion.
- Pray for the suffering servants of God to be encouraged, emboldened and courageous. Pray that nothing would dampen their spirit to serve their Almighty God with undivided heart.
- Pray for those who are imprisoned because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that God would comfort them and hear their cry and answer their prayers. Pray that they would stand strong in the Lord and continue to do good.

Youth:

- Pray for the youth of the nation. Pray that the Lord would give them direction and purpose. Pray that they would be equipped by God for every good work so that the nation would progress, and people may be benefitted.
- Pray for the young people in the Church that God will bless them with wisdom and discernment. Pray that they would be guided to choose the right path and remain focused on the Lord for all their needs.
- Pray for the ministries that are reaching out to the next generation today that God would provide for them and use them to reach many unreached youths in every part of our country.
- Pray that the young people in the Church would be able to engage with the Word of God and be students and doers of the Word.

Children:

- Pray that every child in this country would get affordable yet good education. Pray that they would gain wisdom and knowledge and would have an overall development.
- Pray that the childhood of children would not suffer in our nation because of factors like poverty, trafficking, child labour etc. Pray for safety and protection for children who are at risk. Pray for God's intervention and rescue for those who are in danger. Pray that every child would have the opportunity to pursue their dreams without fear.

Parents:

- Pray for Christian parents to train and teach their children actively and diligently. Pray that they would be able to pass on Christian beliefs and values to their children.