

Unite in Prayer for SA

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PRAYER POINTERS

1. A new heart

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." (Hebrews 10:22, NKJV)

Personal confession and prayer:

- **Ask God to reveal** and remove from your heart **all works of the flesh**, caused by evil spirits or your own corrupt nature - pride, arrogance, wickedness; sexual uncleanness (adultery, impurity, sensuality), idolatry, witchcraft; enmity (especially racial hatred and bitterness, wrath, revenge, cruelty, quarreling, jealousy, envy, anger, slander, gossip, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions), and drunkenness. (Gal.5:19-21)
- Ask God to **bring forth the fruit of the Spirit** in your life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, to give you a compassionate heart filled with righteousness, truth and wisdom, in order to bear with others, forgive their sins, build them up, encourage them, and honor and respect all people, especially those of other ethnic groups. (Gal.5:22-23)

2. Hope does not disappoint

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Rom 15:13, ESV)

- We confess that **our hope was derailed**; we forgot God's promises for our nation, and focused on our circumstances. We pray that the God of hope will fill us with joy and peace, so that **the Holy Spirit will empower us** to abound in hope. (Psa.31:24)
- May our country be built on **Kingdom principles** and honor the name of Jesus Christ. (Pro.14:34)

3. Righteous leaders

"Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him." (Isa 59:15-16, ESV)

- We confess that we **abandoned the truth of God's Word**, and perverted justice and righteousness.

- In the name of Jesus, **we rebuke and resist the enemy** who came to steal, kill and destroy our nation.
- Pray that God will **raise up leaders** in our nation who will be men and women after His own heart, filled with godly wisdom and revelation; that their eyes may be enlightened to understand the inheritance He has for our nation. (Eph.1:17-18)

4. Respect for life

"You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." (Act 2:28, ESV)

- We **confess the disrespect for life** in our nation - rape, violence, bloodshed and racial discrimination.
- Pray that God will **remove the accumulated bloodguilt** caused by murder and the legalization of abortion (Heb.12:24).
- Father God, **teach us the paths of life**; make us life-givers in thought, words and deeds so that we can be ministers of reconciliation in our nation. (2Cor.5:18)

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