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## *Fasting and Prayer Guide*

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### INTRODUCTION

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Below, you will find 24 prayers designed to lead you during this time of prayer and fasting. Included are prayers of worship, confession, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving that reflect the heart of Dr. Evans' challenge to us. You might consider praying these hourly, daily, or weekly—there's no right or wrong way to use this guide, the goal is simply to develop the habit of coming before the throne of God in prayer. As you approach this time of prayer and fasting, keep in mind that fasting is a voluntary decision to abstain from food or some other normal activity with the goal of focusing on spiritual purposes. Fasting has the ability to bring urgency to our prayers and has often been used by God's people when communicating pressing needs.

As you pray, we encourage you to make your prayer time your own—these prayers are simply a resource to help you get started and serve as examples of how you might pray. The apostle Paul wrote, “Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 4:2). We hope this prayer guide serves as a helpful resource that leads you into a vibrant prayer life.

### NOTES ON FASTING

Eating is one of the fundamental activities of life. But it's more than just survival; most people also derive pleasure from the good food and good fellowship that surround many of our meals.

But every so often, something comes up that is more important than our next meal. It could be a major project at work that has to get done now, or a mom who is so distracted taking care of her kids that she forgets to eat.

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### THE PRINCIPLE OF FASTING

What we oftentimes do without thinking because we are busy or distracted, the Lord asks us to do intentionally when He calls us to fast. *Fasting is the deliberate abstinence from some form of physical gratification, for a period of time, in order to prayerfully pursue a greater spiritual goal.* The second half of this definition is crucial, because fasting without prayer is just a diet. Fasting is your way of telling God that your need for His intervention is so great, and you are so passionate about it, that you are willing to sacrifice your physical needs for the answer.

Jesus made a powerful statement about the importance of the spiritual over the physical when He told His disciples, “I have food to eat that you don't know about” (John 4:32). He was dealing with the spiritual needs of the woman at the well and her entire village, which were far more important to Him than eating the food the disciples had brought Him.

Fasting shows God that our need for Him is greater than our need for food or whatever item it is we choose to abstain from. In Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus went into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. After Jesus prepared by fasting for 40 days, the devil came to Him and tempted Him to eat, but Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3.

We can't live on food alone because we need the Word of God even more. Fasting shows God and ourselves that His Word is more important than food. When we fast, we give the Holy Spirit our full attention. It leads to a brokenness that shouts, “I can't do this!” The self-sufficient man or woman won't fast, but the desperate one will. The self-sufficient family won't fast, but the desperate one will. The self-sufficient church won't fast, but the desperate one will. The self-sufficient nation won't fast, but the desperate one will.

The truth is we cannot live the Christian life in our own strength. We can't make things happen. We can't force a revival simply by strategizing for one. We've got to starve our flesh to feed our spirit. When our spirits are strong and our flesh is weak, huge spiritual breakthroughs occur. Isaiah 58:1-12 promises that when we fast the way God intended, our light will shine, healing will come quickly to our land, and the Lord will answer when we call.

The question is not whether fasting makes a difference. The question is, how badly do we want a difference to be made?

Fasting usually involves setting aside food, although we can fast from any physical appetite, including sex within marriage (1 Cor. 7:5). Another thing we could fast from are the hours we spend watching television or surfing the internet. The idea is to devote the time we would ordinarily spend on these activities to prayer and seeking the Lord.

Fasting calls us to renounce the natural in order to invoke the supernatural. When you fast, you say no to yourself so you can hear yes from God in a time of need or crisis. Our nation is in a time of crisis; a collective fast throughout the body of Christ on behalf of our land sends a message to our Lord that we are wanting and waiting to hear from Him.

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Fasting is a major principle throughout the Bible. People in Scripture often fasted in situations that demanded a spiritual breakthrough. In Zechariah 7:5-6 the Lord said,

*Ask all the people of the land and the priests: When you fasted and lamented in the fifth and in the seventh months for these seventy years, did you really fast for me? When you eat and drink, don't you eat and drink simply for yourselves?*

Even though the fasts God referred to here would have been unnecessary if His people had repented, these verses still give us an important principle about fasting. When we eat, we eat for ourselves, with nothing more than our own satisfaction in mind. But when we fast, we should do so with God in mind, for His pleasure. When we fast, God says, “This is for Me.”

So often we feed the body while starving the soul. But when we fast, we give the soul a higher priority than the body. We are asking God to interact with our souls with regard to a spiritual matter. The question is, are you willing to give up feeding your flesh for a time in order to gain spiritual riches in your life, church, and in our land?

### THE PURPOSE OF FASTING

According to Isaiah 58:4, the purpose of fasting is “to make your voice heard on high.” When we fast with the proper motivation, our voice is heard in heaven. That is, we come into God’s presence in a powerful way. Imagine what would happen if your church came together as a body during your solemn assembly to collectively fast and call on God to intervene in your church and community.

The nature of fasting demands concentrated effort and time to come into God’s presence. Think about the effort we make to eat when we’re hungry. Most of us will make a way where there is no way when it’s mealtime because we are desperate to satisfy our hunger. When we fast, we are desperate to satisfy something much deeper—a spiritual need.

When we fast, God sharpens our spiritual focus so we can see things more clearly. In 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Paul prayed that his readers would be sanctified and preserved in their “spirit and soul and body.” Paul’s order here is purposeful. We are not made up of body, soul, and spirit, but spirit, soul, and body. We are created to live from the inside out, not from the outside in.

You say, “Why is that important?” Because if you look at yourself as a body that happens to house a soul and a spirit, you will live for your body first. But if you understand that you are spirit at the core of your being, you will live for the spirit. If we want to really live, the spirit, or the inner person, must be set free. Our spirits must be cracked open to release the Spirit’s life, and fasting helps us do this.

Far too often, our problem is that we aren’t ready for God to work in our spirit. We make all kinds of resolutions and promises, which are really just ways of saying to God, “I can do this myself.” But if we could do it, we would have already done it.

One of the primary reasons our nation is farther from God today, collectively, than we’ve ever been before is that we have become self-sufficient. We refuse to humble ourselves collectively before the Lord in order to fast and pray and seek His movement in our spirits.

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What God wants to hear us say is, “Lord, we can’t do this. We’ve tried everything we know and we can’t fix our lives. Lord, we throw our inability and our failure at Your feet.”

God says, “Now I can do something.”

When we fail to humble ourselves before God, we wind up trying to live the Christian life in our own power. We call on our flesh to help us defeat the flesh—which is a contradiction in terms. Fasting is a tangible way of demonstrating to God that we are setting aside the flesh in order to deal with the spirit.

More than that, fasting is also a way of prostrating ourselves before God. In the Bible, when people were broken before the Lord they often fell on their faces. They put ashes on their heads and tore their clothes as a way of saying, “Lord, I can’t do anything. I am at the end of my rope.”

God wants us to reach that point so He can demonstrate His power and get all the glory, which He deserves. The apostle James says those who humble themselves before God will be exalted (Jas. 4:10). Fasting puts us on the path of humility.

The bottom line is when we fast, we will get God’s undivided attention:

*Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry, and He will say, “Here I am.”*

ISAIAH 58:9A

You may say, “But I’ve been calling to God all this time.” Are you calling to Him with the fast? Remember, fasting makes your voice heard on high. God wants to be treated seriously.

So the passion behind this solemn assembly must be hunger for God. The goal of this time is for those within your sphere of influence to know God personally in a powerful new way.





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#### A PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Father, I bow at Your throne to worship You. As the apostle John wrote, “Our Lord and God you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created” (Rev. 4:11). By the power of Your Word, You spoke— and the world came into existence (Gen. 1:1). Jesus, even now, You are sustaining the universe by the power of Your Word (Heb. 1:3). There is nothing in heaven or earth that is beyond Your control. You are sovereign over all of creation, and You are holy, all-powerful, faithful, and true. Father, there is nothing on earth that compares to You. I ask You to conform me into a man who prioritizes worship above all things. I want You to hear my voice worshipping You for as long as I have breath in my lungs. Empower me to live in a way that my life is an expression of worship. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, fill my mouth with Your praise all the days of my life.

#### A PRAYER OF SUBMISSION

Father, I come before You and acknowledge my sin and rebellion. I have not been living as the covenant man You have designed me to be. I have not submitted to You as Your Scriptures command. I confess and repent of my sin and humble myself before You. I ask for Your forgiveness in Jesus’ name. The psalmist wrote, “How happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You will surely eat what your hands have worked for. You will be happy, and it will go well for you” (Ps. 128:1-2). Father, I long to walk in Your ways and obey You in every area of my life. I submit to You and Your commandments. You are Lord and Master of my life. Lead me to be the man You designed me to be. As I abide in You, I pray You will teach me to revere You in every area of my life and to lead my family in a way that brings You glory and honor. Align my heart, soul, and mind to be a man of Your covenant and a servant of Your kingdom.

#### A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, I humble myself before You and confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. The words of King David apply to me, “For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me. Against you—you alone—I have sinned and done this evil in your sight. So you are right when you pass sentence; you are blameless when you judge” (Ps. 51:3-4). But Father, You are also a merciful and gracious God. You demonstrated Your mercy to humankind through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. I believe Jesus died, was buried, and was raised on the third day as the Scriptures teach. By faith, I trust Jesus’ finished work on the cross to cover my sin debt, and I ask You forgive me in Christ’s name. Father, I not only ask for Your forgiveness, but I pray You will also, “Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin” (Ps. 51:2). I pray You will shape me into a man who is appalled by my sin and is filled with the righteousness of Christ.

#### A COVENANT PRAYER

Father, the book of Exodus reveals that You called men to gather before You three times a year, and I believe You are calling men to gather before You now. You have said, “Look, I am making a covenant. I will perform wonders in the presence of all your people that have never been done in the whole earth or in any nation. All the people you live among will see the Lord’s work, for what I am doing with you is awe-inspiring” (Ex. 34:10). Father, I come before You and proclaim that I want to be a man who is in

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alignment with Your covenant. I will not settle for dry religion; I long for a relationship with the living God. Father, You have given me the responsibility to lead my family, and I pray You will equip me to do so. I submit myself to Your divine authority and ask You to guide me so I can serve you wholeheartedly.

#### ☐ INTERCESSION: FAMILY

Father, the Bible makes it clear that You have assigned men to be the spiritual leaders in our homes. I confess I sometimes lack wisdom in making the best decisions for my wife and children. But Your Word says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him" (Jas. 1:5). Based on the authority of Your Word, I pray You will give me the wisdom I need to lead my family to walk in obedience to You. I pray I will love my wife the way Christ loved the Church and live sacrificially for her (Eph. 5:25). I ask for a godly sense of unity in my home and that my wife will submit to me in the way I submit to the Lord (Eph. 5:22). Give me the tools I need to raise my children in a godly home. You have said, "For I have chosen him so that he will command his children and his house after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just" (Gen. 18:19). As I raise my children, I ask You to teach me to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Father, I pray not only for my family but for families across our nation. Let godly leadership begin at home and extend to our churches, neighborhoods, cities, states, nation, and the entire world.

#### ☐ INTERCESSION: THE CHURCH

Father, I thank You for the church. Being a part of the family of God and enjoying relationships with my brothers and sisters in Christ is one of life's greatest blessings. Coming together in corporate worship brings unspeakable joy, and I commit myself to the service of the local church. But Lord, I believe the church in America has fallen short of what You intend it to be. Your Word says, "For the time has come for judgment to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God? And if a righteous person is saved with difficulty, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" (1 Pet. 4:17-18). Father, I fear we have lost our first love. Paul warned that the enemy could lead us astray when he said, "But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be seduced from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:3). Father, forgive us for our apathy for which there is no excuse. Purify Your church. Mold us into men who prioritize prayer and worship. Your Word says, "Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument" (1 Tim. 1:8). Teach us to focus our eyes on Jesus, who is the source and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Ignite our hearts to revere and worship You. Lord, do whatever it takes to make us faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

#### ☐ INTERCESSION: OUR NATION

Father, I humble myself before You, asking for restoration on behalf of this nation. Lord, our country desperately needs spiritual revival. We are guilty of idolatry in the form of materialism, pride, and making the American dream a higher priority than the Great Commission. In the book of Jonah, you called for a time of prayer and fasting. You commanded that people turn from the evil ways and they obeyed. The text says, "God saw their actions—that they had turned from their evil ways—so God relented from the disaster he had threatened them with. And he did not do it" (Jonah 6:10). Father, this global pandemic,

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known as COVID-19, has brought us to our knees. It's wreaking havoc and destruction, but it's also revealing our idols. I pray we will turn from our evil ways and that You will heal our land. Father, I pray this global pandemic will be a spiritual turning point. I pray our nation will emerge from this crisis with our eyes on You. Father, You have called on nations to return to you before. The book of Joel says, "Even now—this is the Lord's declaration—turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning" (Joel 2:12). Give our nation a spirit of repentance. Let us return to You with grief over our sin. Father, I pray individuals, churches, and our country will seek Your face. Heal our hearts and then heal our land.

#### □ A PRAYER FOR RESTORATION

Father, Your Word says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). I thank You that because of Jesus, I can confess my sins and receive forgiveness and restoration. I praise You because Your grace is greater than my sins. As the Psalmist said, "He has not dealt with us as our sins deserve or repaid us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his faithful love toward those who fear him" (Ps. 103:10-11). Father, I thank You that because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, I can be reconciled to You. I pray there will be nothing in my life that gets in the way of fellowship with You.

#### □ A PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Father, I want my life to bring You glory. Your Word says, "If anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work." (2 Tim. 2:21). Father, I pray for Your help in getting rid of anything in my behavior that is offensive to You. Teach me to live in a way that demonstrates that I belong to You and am set apart for Your service. Let nothing remain in my life that prevents me from serving You wholeheartedly. There is no pet sin that is worth forfeiting my calling. At the end of my life, I want to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:23). I pray that I will be continually mindful of the reality that, I was bought with a price and therefore I am to worship God with my body (1 Cor. 6:20). Help me to remember that I have no higher priority than being a servant in the kingdom of God.

#### □ WORSHIP: THE HOLINESS OF GOD

Father, You are holy in all Your ways. When I contemplate Your holiness I see how far I fall short of Your glory (Rom. 3:23) and I echo the words of Isaiah, "Woe is me for I am ruined because I am a man of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Armies" (Isa. 6:5). But You are a God who longs for Your people to be reconciled to You. Although I fall short of Your holiness, You have provided a way for me to be reconciled to You through the blood of Your Son and my Savior, Jesus Christ. I thank You that because of Christ's work on the cross; I can approach Your throne of grace and declare, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies; his glory fills the whole earth" (Isa. 6:3). Father, You have commanded, "Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy" (Lev. 19:2). Lord, I pray You will increase my hunger for holiness. Remove the things in my character that dishonor You. Teach me to pursue holiness because You are holy.

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#### WORSHIP: THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Father, since the opening words in the book of Genesis, You have demonstrated Your faithfulness to Your people. You can be trusted in every situation and circumstance. I thank You for always keeping Your promises. As the Psalmist wrote, “Lord God of Armies, who is strong like you, Lord? Your faithfulness surrounds you” (Ps. 89:8). Lord, when I look at the problems that surround me, it’s tempting to feel discouraged. This world is filled with troubles as Jesus warned it would be (John 16:33). But when I recall Your history of faithfulness, my faith is stirred. Your perfect track record gives me the confidence I need to move forward. Lord, I confess I have failed You in a thousand ways, but You have never failed me. Teach me to live in light of this reality. As the disciples asked Jesus, I ask You now, Lord, increase my faith (Luke 17:5).

#### WORSHIP: THE LOVE OF GOD

Father, the Scriptures make it clear that I am able to love because You first loved me (1 John 4:19). And you demonstrated this love in the most extravagant way. As I contemplate the cross and the sacrifice that was made to pay my sin debt, I think of the words of the apostle Paul, “But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Lord, I confess it’s hard for me to wrap my mind around the depth of Your love, so I pray that You will increase my understanding. I ask, as Paul did, that I “may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God’s love” (Eph. 3:18). Father, I ask You to help me to love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Help me to love my neighbor as myself (Mark 12:30-31). Jesus, You said that the world would know us by our love for one other (John 13:35). Teach us to love in such a way that a lost world will see that we are people of the cross.

#### PETITION: TURN OUR HEARTS TO YOU

Jesus, when You were asked which is the most important commandment, You responded by saying, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these” (Mark 12:30-31). Father, I ask You to give me a heart that loves You in this manner, and I plead with You to increase my love for other people. The apostle Paul said that without love, we are nothing (1 Cor 13:2). Lord, fill my heart with such love for You that it overflows in such a way that it blesses other people. I pray the people of God will not settle for anything less than a burning passion for You and Your Word. Fill Your churches with people who love You in such a way they have no choice but to be sold out servants of the living God.

#### PETITION: HUNGER FOR YOUR WORD

Father, Your Scriptures make it clear that the Bible is different than any other book. The writer of Hebrews says, “For the Word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). Sadly, in recent years, the church in America has not been filled with committed students of Your Word, and we have suffered for it. Father, I pray Your people will commit to study the Scriptures. Let it start with me. Give us a deep abiding love for the Word of God and



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a strong desire to obey your commands. Raise up a body of believers who know that, “All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

#### PETITION: PEOPLE OF PRAYER

Father, coming before Your throne in prayer is a privilege beyond compare. Your Word says we can “approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need” (Heb. 4:16). For the Christ-follower, prayer should be a first response and not the last resort. Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit in me, I pray I will have a vibrant prayer life. Teach me to pray in such a way that I see things come to pass that can’t be explained apart from prayer. Father, I ask that through my prayer life, I will know You better and love You more. Forgive me for the times I have neglected to pray as I should. Father, I ask that You empower me to be a man who devotes himself to prayer.

#### INTERCESSION: COVID-19

Father, our nation, and the whole world are suffering from the virus known as COVID-19. Few places haven’t felt a significant impact from this pandemic. People are suffering, loved ones are grieving, supplies are low, and fear is at an all-time high. The Scripture says, “If disaster comes on us—sword or judgment, pestilence or famine—we will stand before this temple and before you, for your name is in this temple. We will cry out to you because of our distress, and you will hear and deliver.” (2 Chron. 20:9). Father, we are crying out to you now and ask that you hear our prayer and deliver us. This virus carries the fingerprints of the enemy—it brings death, destruction, confusion, isolation, and fear. But Your Word makes it clear that fear does not come from you. Paul wrote, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment” (2 Tim. 1:7). Father, I pray in Jesus’ name that You will stop the spread of this virus. Health care workers, government officials, and the citizens across the globe are working hard, but we need a miracle that only You can bring to pass. I pray after this pandemic ends that we will not return to business as usual, but that we will come away with stronger faith and a greater hunger for the things of God. Heal our hearts Lord, and heal our land.

#### INTERCESSION: HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Father, our healthcare professionals are working at maximum capacity as they tend to those who have been afflicted with COVID-19. I thank You for those who are willing to risk their lives to care for the sick. Father, Your Word says that You are the God of endurance and hope (Romans 15: 5, 13). I pray that You will fill them with the endurance they need to keep going and renew their hope each morning. Jesus, I pray that You will protect these agents of mercy from mental and physical burnout and keep them well as they serve. Provide them with the masks and equipment they need to do their jobs. Reward the work of their hands. You are the Great Physician, and I pray You will work through our healthcare professionals to bring healing. Father, I ask You to raise people out of their sickbeds and let them proclaim, “I will not die, but I will live and proclaim what the Lord has done” (Ps. 118:17).

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### ☐ INTERCESSION: GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Father, in these trying times, I pray You will give wisdom to our elected officials. I pray for the President of the United States, U.S. Senators, the House of Representatives, governors, and mayors who are leading people through this global pandemic. Fill them with the knowledge they need to make wise and godly choices on behalf of the people they serve. God, I pray leaders on both sides of the aisle will abandon partisan politics and seek to serve in a way that brings unity and not division. Your Word says, “He leads the humble in what is right and teaches them his way” (Ps. 25:9). I pray our government officials will humble themselves before Your throne and seek Your will on how to lead this nation. Father, I pray You will raise up godly leaders who acknowledge You in all their ways and seek to do what is right.

### ☐ INTERCESSION: THE CHURCH’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Father, this global pandemic has revealed our idols. Good health, jobs, and financial stability are blessings to be enjoyed, but they make a lousy Savior. I pray during this time of uncertainty Your Spirit will be stirring in the hearts and minds of people everywhere. I pray this pandemic will bring about a spiritual hunger unlike anything we’ve seen before, and I pray Your church will respond in a way that embraces scores of new believers into the priesthood of believers. Father, so many churches are suffering financially during this crisis as we are not able to meet together for corporate worship. I pray You will provide in ways that no one could have ever imagined. Jesus promised that not even the gates of hell would prevail over His church (Matt. 16:18). Father, I ask that You will equip and empower Your people to serve in ways that we never thought possible. Plant the good news in our mouths and a desire in our hearts to reach those who need to hear the gospel.

### ☐ INTERCESSION: THE ECONOMY

Father, in the last several weeks, we have watched our economy take a nose-dive like no one has ever seen before. Millions of people are out of work. Lord, we know how important work is in the Scriptures because Paul went as far as to say, “If anyone isn’t willing to work, he should not eat” (2 Thess. 3:10). Father, we have millions who are willing to work but not enough job openings to make it possible, so we ask You to restore our economy. Not so we can be materialistic consumers, but so we can be productive citizens who contribute to society. Show us the ways we have erred in our thoughts about work and money. Deliver us from greed and materialism. But Lord, restore our work. Help businesses large and small to reopen their doors. As people made in the image of God, we are designed to work, and I pray You will provide each of us with opportunities and full-time employment.

### ☐ INTERCESSION: THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

Father, I thank You for gifting people with minds that have the capability of inventing medicine, vaccines, and medical treatment. You are the source of all knowledge, and You have saved countless lives through the grace of modern medicine. You can heal people in any manner You choose, and You are not limited in Your methods. And on many occasions, You have worked miracles through the medical community. God, as the world is confronted with this global pandemic that is taking lives every day, I pray You will bless the research community that is working to develop vaccines and medicine to combat COVID-19. Give them the knowledge they need to develop life-saving treatments. Give them the resources and funding they need to do their best work. Father, I ask You will give them favor to find a cure for this deadly virus.

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#### PETITION: HEAL OUR LAND

Father, I pray as a country we will turn our eyes to You. Your Word says, “and my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land” (2 Chron. 7:14). Father, I pray You will heal us spiritually. Make us a people who worship You and You alone. Let us be people of Your Word who love You and demonstrate our devotion by obeying Your commands. Father, I also ask that You rid our nation of COVID-19. You are sovereign over all things, and nothing is too hard for You. God, You can do more in a twinkling of an eye than a panel of the world’s greatest minds can bring to pass in a decade. We need a miracle that only You can accomplish, and we ask You to bring spiritual and physical healing to our land.

#### PETITION: A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Father, individually, as a church, and as a nation, I pray that I, along with all Your people, will be reconciled to You. I recall when You spoke through the Old Testament prophet and said, “So tell the people, ‘This is what the Lord of Armies says: Return to me—this is the declaration of the Lord of Armies—and I will return to you, says the Lord of Armies’” (Zech. 1:3). Father, I see the foolishness of my ways. I don’t want to live one second of my life apart from You. I want to be in the center of Your will for my life. I return to You. I bow at Your throne and declare You are my Lord. I have no good apart from You (Ps. 16:2). I draw near to You now and ask for You to draw near to me, Your church, and this nation (Jas. 4:8).

#### A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father, I thank You because You are a loving, gracious, and merciful God. I thank You that because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross; there is a way to be reconciled to you. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). Father, I thank You for Your mercy, forgiveness, grace, and restoration. I thank You that You have promised never to leave or abandon me (Heb. 13:5). And Father, I thank You for hearing my prayers. I echo the words of the Psalmist, “I love the Lord because he has heard my appeal for mercy” (Ps. 116:1). God, thank You for all the ways You have provided in the past, and for the ways You are providing for me now. It stirs my faith and gives me confidence that You will provide in the future.

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