

IN YOUR CLOSET

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ESV

HOW CAN I PRAY FOR AMERICA?

*FOR THE EARTH WILL
BE FILLED WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE GLORY OF
THE LORD
AS THE WATERS
COVER THE SEA.*

HABAKKUK 2: 14



As we celebrate the birth of our great nation, we should spend time each day in our closet thanking God for His gracious provision for the United States,

beginning with His creation of such a beautiful and plentiful land, continuing through some very good and some very bad days as a country—always calling us to do justice and honor Him.

At times in our history, He has enabled us to be a shining light for freedom. At other times He has called us to repentance for sins that distracted us from beholding His glory.

Today we find ourselves confronting the Coronavirus and fundamental questions about who we are as a nation. These questions should send us as His children to our knees—asking Him to reveal His truth. As we do so, we should turn first to the example of His Son, our Savior, and His Word, the Bible. We should honestly and earnestly seek His direction. Then, He will answer, and we should obey Him and follow.

It is time for us to pray for a revival of God's people, beginning

right here in FBC Glencoe. We should ask His Holy Spirit to reveal to us our sins. We should repent and ask His forgiveness. We should then pray for spiritual awakening all around us; that Glencoe, Etowah County, Alabama, and the United States would experience a mighty spiritual awakening and return to God as our guide—the One who can bring truth and justice and purpose even amid confusion and crisis.

Below are some thoughts gleaned from information made available by the National Day of Prayer organization:

1. Pray for our leaders in every area of service. Pray that I Kings 4: 28 will be manifest in their leadership:

And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.

2. Pray for our military and law enforcement personnel. Pray that they will say with the Psalmist in Psalm 91: 2:

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”



3. Pray for our health care providers and our educational personnel.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Isaiah 43: 2

4. Pray for our families, that they will find all they need in the provision of our Lord.

“Agree with God, and be at peace; therefore good will come to you.

Receive instruction from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart.

Job 22: 21-22