

# The Battle for America

## Contending for Breakthrough

# A 21-day Prayer Guide



Tensions are high, and all eyes are on the November elections. What will the results mean for our nation? It is a critical time in history for both America and our world.

While leaders determine a nation's course, God is sovereign and can be trusted. Let's humbly seek His Presence and His intervention on behalf of America. In a posture of unity, let's agree that He is the only one who can turn the tide in our nation.

Our battle is not against flesh and blood but principalities, powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places, and the battle belongs to the Lord. He has permitted us to come boldly to His throne for mercy and grace in our time of need; this is a time of great need. Intercessors must lift our voices with one heart and mind and stand in the gap for America.

## Day 1: Pray for the Unity of the Church

*That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless] (Ephesians 5:27 AMPC and see [John 17:21](#)).*

A recent Gallup poll showed that church attendance has decreased in the past two decades. A growing number of Christians don't seem to consider attending church and fellowship with other believers a priority. Gathering with other Christians is an important part of spiritual maturity. Is division contributing to the movement away from church attendance? Sadly, paganism is steadily rising. People have a void in their hearts, and rather than turning to the Church to find Jesus, they are settling for a hazardous substitute. We who are called by His name must be the salt and light of our society for its transformation according to God's Kingdom values.

- Ask God to expose any divisive behavior you may have been a part of (gossiping, strife, discord, murmuring) and repent where He leads you.
- Pray for the Church to be united in heart, mind, and purpose in Christ (see [John 17:21](#)).
- Pray for the Church to love, serve, and bear one another's burdens ([Galatians 5:13](#); [6:2](#)).

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## Day 2: Pray for the Young Generations

*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams (Acts 2:17).*

Generation Z (age 14-27) was once considered the least religious generation; however, Generation Alpha (age 0-13) is now taking that title. Gen Z and Alpha have grown up with increasing technology at their fingertips. They've experienced the duality of the natural and online world. They seek information and connection. With that comes the dangers of exposure to cyberbullying, grooming, pornography, etc. The younger generations have hearts that long for acceptance, which isn't wrong, but their voices often echo the fallen culture. They have a strong sense of fairness and justice, enabling them to vocalize their beliefs. Now, imagine what they could accomplish for the kingdom of God.

- While it may seem that the younger generations are at war with the elders, it's not personal. They feel misunderstood and misrepresented. Ask God to give you his heart for them.
- Pray for a mighty outpouring on Generation Z and Alpha, revealing dreams and visions of Jesus the Messiah. He is the source of hope, justice, and acceptance they long for.
- Pray the church (previous generations) will help mentor and nurture their gifts and strengths (see [2 Timothy 3:14-15](#)).
- Pray for success and expansion of colleges and universities that train in righteousness. Pray for Christian groups at universities everywhere to reach the lost and strengthen students of faith.

## Day 3: Pray for Revival

*Then, we will never abandon you again. Revive us so we can call on your name once more. Turn us again to yourself, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved (Psalm 80:18-19 NLT).*

Do we look like the early Church after Christ ascended, or have we become unrecognizable? Are we working hard like Ephesus in the Book of Revelation 2, yet we have lost our first love? Are we like Sardis, who had a reputation for being alive but was dead? Jesus' message to both churches was clear: Repent! It has been said countless times, "As goes the Church, so goes the nation." We can't blame the government for everything. We must be honest and admit we have set a bad example through our apathy and hypocrisy. Then, we must take accountability for our failures and repent from them. Our pride has brought us low, but the Scriptures say God will not reject a broken and contrite heart (see [Psalm 51:17](#)). Revive us again, Lord.

- Ask God to search your heart, examine you, and cleanse you from hidden faults. If there are things you know you shouldn't be partaking in, repent.
- Billy Graham envisioned the Native Americans rising from being a "sleeping giant" to reach America for Christ. His grandson, Will Graham, speaking to Natives more recently, said: "God is waking the Sleeping Giant, and I believe God will use you to bring the last great revival." Pray for the revival of all the 574 Native tribes and that they will become evangelists and revival carriers to America and our world.
- Pray for God's manifest presence and resurrection power to fill His churches, our nation and the nations (see [Romans 8:11](#)).
- Pray for the Church to move in her God-given authority (see [Matthew 16:18-20](#)).
- Pray for Jesus Christ to be exalted in America. Pray that He would have supremacy in all things (see [Colossians 1:18](#)).

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## Day 4: Pray for Spiritual Leaders

*Pray for us, for we are confident that we have a good conscience in all things, desiring to live honorably* (Hebrews 13:18).

We increasingly see men and women of God exposed for sinful behaviors. This hurts the Church, which looks to its leaders as pillars. It also angers the lost, who see and use it as a reason to condemn all churches and Christians. Either way, someone gets hurt, not to mention the victims involved. Throughout the epistles, Paul is seen asking the churches for prayer. Aside from attacks against them and their families, Christian leaders face more challenges than we can know. Instead of constant praise that leads to idolatry, let's lift constant prayers for those in positions of spiritual authority.

- Pray for Christian leaders to have boldness to stand and unapologetically preach the truth of God's Word, applying it to the socio-political issues of our day (see [Romans 1:16](#)).
- Pray for pastors and other ministry leaders to resist all kinds of temptation, whether fleshly desires, pride of position, the need to be in control, or conformity to ungodly cultural influences (see [James 4:4](#)).
- Pray that pastors would become more devoted to prayer personally and lead their congregations in prayer (see [Acts 1:14](#)).

## Day 5: Pray for the Ending of Abortion

*Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written, the days that were appointed for me, when as yet there was not one of them [even taking shape]* (Psalm 139:16 AMP).

Every life is created in God's image and has value. He has a plan and purpose for every person, including the unborn. God hates shedding innocent blood (see [Proverbs 6:17](#)). We are guilty; there is no way around it. We allowed our children to become choices, not living beings. We allowed their lives to be devalued for our comfort and "rights." Lord, we repent for our silence and for those who are Christians and voted in pro-choice leaders. We repent of the many lies about abortion, including that it is healthcare. Please have mercy on us for the blood shed of millions of innocent souls. We plead Your blood over America; end abortion and bring revival.

- Ask God to bring healing to the women who have had abortions. Pray they find forgiveness, emotional healing in Christ, and physical healing for their bodies.
- Pray for the church to be a voice for the voiceless (see [Proverbs 31:8](#)).
- Pray for America to be a place of liberty and justice for ALL, including the pre-born ([Zechariah 7:8-10](#)).

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## Day 6: Pray for Families

*For this reason, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named (Ephesians 3:14-15).*

God commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. It was the first picture of a family: one man and woman joined by a marital covenant, producing godly offspring. Someone recently said that family was created to fulfill the Great Commission. How far we have fallen from this. Traditional families are fewer and fewer, while the concept of family has been completely redefined. Parents are being non-gendered. Same-sex couples are adopting via IVF and surrogacy. A growing percentage of children are growing up in unstable situations. These changes have weakened the foundations of our society. The family was created to be a central part of God's plan. It's no wonder the enemy is out to destroy families.

- Ask God to show you how to pray for families in crisis and what you can do.
- Pray for Christians to be bold advocates for family, as the Bible defines it (see [Ephesians 5:21-25](#); [6:1-4](#)).
- Pray for fulfilling the first Great Commission (see [Genesis 1:28](#)) and the second (see [Matthew 28:19-20](#)).

## Day 7: Pray about the Transgender and LGBTQ agenda

*So, God created man in his own image; in the image of God, he created him; male and female, he created them (Genesis 1:27 ESV).*

At the root of the gender issues we are seeing in our nation is a lack of identity. These children who identify as whatever they desire have a God-shaped void in their hearts. They don't know Father God's unconditional love or that they were created in His image with a plan and purpose. Somewhere along the line, they believed the lie they were unacceptable. We know that comes from the father of lies, Satan. Though it looks like we are losing this battle, a growing number of former transgenders are bravely opposing this evil trend. Lord, you can do anything, so we intercede for our sons and daughters. We will never stop fighting for them.

- Ask God to show you His heart for the transgender community and lead your prayer times, praying for any specific persons you know caught up in this awful deception and perversion.
- Pray for hearts to be healed and a fresh revelation of sonship and purpose (see [Ephesians 2:10](#)).
- Pray for members of the LGBTQ community to repent and turn to Jesus Christ. God can use people who have come out of this lifestyle and create gospel preachers to win others in that community ([Romans 8:28](#)).

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## Day 8: Pray for Government Leaders

*Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:1-4).*

We are to pray for all who are in authority, not just those who align with our values or faith. It's much easier said than done. We have all struggled to pray for this administration, haven't we? Forgive us, Lord, when we have stubbornly defied your call to intercession for our nation's leaders. You desire all of them to be saved and come to know the truth, so we agree with your Word.

- Ask God to give you His heart for our leaders; turn it into a prayer when you're tempted to complain.
- Pray for the salvation of all of your elected officials. May they come to salvation and know the truth in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for ungodly, unrepentant leaders to be removed from office and replaced (see [Psalm 109:8](#)). Pray that godly, upright leaders would be elected into local, state, and national offices.

## Day 9: Pray for Our Elections

*And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter (Isaiah 28:17 ESV).*

Election Day is almost here and it's coming with an overwhelming sense of importance. Some are still reeling from the 2020 elections, and some have lost faith in the election process altogether. Yet this is not a time to shrink back in fear or discouragement, but a time to be bold. Lord, restore integrity in our election process.

- Ask God for a specific word of Scripture you can pray over the elections.
- Pray for the exposure of those who will try to corrupt the process by rigging tabulation machines, stuffing ballot boxes, and allowing those without ID, illegal immigrants, or the deceased to vote (see [Proverbs 10:9](#)).
- Pray God will provide astute and watchful poll watchers and officials to expose any plans to delay or otherwise hinder and interfere with the voting process (see [Psalm 21:11](#)).



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## Day 10: Pray for Those Voting

*Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget, and do not turn away from the sayings of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; Love her, and she will guard you (Proverbs 4:5-6 LSB).*

The younger generations, like Gen Z and Millennials, are voicing their opinions through voting. Gen Z was said to have held back a red wave on the last midterms. While the younger generations are showing up, Christians aren't. According to My Faith Votes, twenty-five million Christians who are registered to vote are not expected to vote in the presidential elections. In another survey, 65 million do not participate in local elections, and 15 million are not registered to vote. The numbers are astounding! To be silent and not vote is a vote. You can pray for Christians who are not regularly voting by name! Go to [Pray the Vote 2024!](#) Lord, we repent for indifference, for doing nothing and then complaining about what we don't like in our cities and nation. Elections are changed by the elect. Lord, let your Church exercise her voice through her vote. Pray for wisdom for first-time voters.

- Pray for believers everywhere to understand the times (see [1 Chronicles 12:32](#)), register to vote, and go out to vote in massive numbers as never before. Faith is good, but faith and action are better (see [James 2:17-18](#)). Convict the 25 million non-voting Christians of their irresponsibility, complacency, and the need to vote for their biblical values as Jesus' followers.
- Pray against invalid and illegal votes, compromised tabulation machinery, and every attempt to cheat. Pray that this election will be the most honest, uncorrupted one in history (see [Luke 8:17](#); [Psalm 55:9-11 NLT](#)).

## Day 11: Pray for the Media

*And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free (John 8:32 ESV).*

Blatant misinformation and censorship of media outlets that report the truth have created anxiety and confusion, and sowed division among family, friends, and neighbors. It is now well known that many of the means of disseminating information are biased, corrupt, or compromised. The truth is more powerful than any lie because the truth has the power to set people free.

- Pray for integrity and truth in media and for corrupt media outlets to either reform or go out of business (see [Ephesians 4:25](#)).
- Pray for wisdom and balanced, unbiased coverage in the conviction to report the facts in a truthful manner (see [James 3:17](#)).

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## Day 12: Expose the Political Spirit

*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12 ESV).*

Discernment is a gift of the Spirit of God. It helps us distinguish between right and wrong, between what's right and what's almost right. There is a difference between the Spirit of God and other spirits. A political spirit, for example, is at work today. You can recognize a political spirit because there will be pride, division, strife, envy, and selfishness. Watch out for anyone who villainizes everyone and everything. Watch for anyone who pushes opinions over truth. A person with a political spirit does not honestly care for people but will use them, especially the Church, to accomplish their goals.

- Lord, forgive us, the Church, for allowing the political spirit to gain influence in our churches. Repent of any way you may have been influenced.
- Pray for discernment and take up your spiritual armor. Our nation is facing a real spiritual battle (see [Ephesians 6:12](#)).
- Seek God's wisdom, walk in humility, and renew your mind daily (see [Colossians 3:12](#); [Romans 12:2](#)).

## Day 13: Pray for Our Military

*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13 NIV).*

Having a solid, united military is vital for our nation. In addition to protecting our country, they provide humanitarian relief and strengthen diplomacy. Though they are well-equipped and trained, they are also stressed. These brave men and women sacrifice their lives on the line; many leave behind families. They live knowing at any moment, they can be deployed to serve and could lose their lives in war.

- Pray for God's protection over our military and their families ([Psalm 91](#)).
- Pray for the chaplains who provide spiritual counsel and open doors to the gospel (see [Matthew 9:38](#)).
- Pray for the leadership of each branch to resist progressive agendas and stand firm in maintaining strength in our fighting forces ([Isaiah 40:29](#)).

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## Day 14: Rising Violence

*The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold (Psalm 18:2).*

Some days, the news and social media are hard to watch. Although the statistics are being manipulated to say crime is decreasing, those who live in the most hostile cities and areas would disagree. Jesus warned his disciples that in the end times lawlessness would increase and the love of many would grow cold. The Bible also warns us that people will call evil good and good evil, substitute darkness for light, and bitter for sweet (see [Isaiah 5:20](#)). This means people will choose the opposite of what is good. The only answer for lawlessness is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the light of the world and the fullest expression of God's love.

- Pray for Americans to receive a revelation of light and truth; both can only be found in Jesus (see [John 8:12](#); [14:6](#)).
- Pray for peace (shalom) and for Christ's followers to exercise their spiritual authority to destroy the works of the devil that are causing crime, chaos, and conflict in our cities and nation (see [Romans 16:20](#))
- Pray for wisdom, courage, and protection for law enforcement and first responders.

## Day 15: Pray for Secure Borders

*You have defined and established all the borders of the earth [the divisions of land and sea and of the nations; You have made summer and winter (Psalm 74:17 AMP).*

God first established borders. He is the One who created them. Borders have always been used as a hedge of protection from invading enemies. They were a way to protect our freedoms. Somehow, the lines have been blurred, and now borders are a significant point of debate. Now, some consider advocating for secure borders and stricter vetting about who is entering the U.S. to be racist and hateful. Open borders have created a problem that is too big for us financially and physically but not too big for God.

- Pray for God to restore order to our borders by closing the current porous borders that allow illegal immigrants as well as numerous criminals and even terrorists to come into our nation undetected (see [Isaiah 60:18](#)).
- Pray for protection from criminal assaults and terrorist attacks and pray for individual Americans living near border towns who are fearful for the security of themselves and their families (see [Psalm 32:7](#); [46:1](#)).



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## Day 16: Immigration Crisis

*For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing (Deuteronomy 10: 17-18 NIV).*

Open borders have created an immigration crisis. A steady influx of people from more than 150 nations enters the U.S. daily; not all are well-meaning. Some are human traffickers, some are drug smugglers, and some are terrorists. But not every illegal immigrant is a criminal. A few may be seeking to escape violence and terror. Some may seek a better life for themselves and their families. Some, in desperation, people choose to do it illegally for quicker entry. How can we blame them for wanting to be in our country? However, we have legal processes and procedures that must be respected and restored. Lord, help our Homeland Security and border officials to obey our laws and do what is right in this challenging situation.

- Scripture clarifies that God has a heart for foreigners, just as He does for orphans and widows. Repent if you have had a bias against them, considering them all a problem instead of seeing them as people. Pray they would encounter Christ.
- Pray for wisdom and uprightness so our lawmakers will obey our federal immigration laws and correct the severe flaws in our immigration system (see [Proverbs 2:6](#)).
- Pray for the rescue of migrant children and women being sex-trafficked across the border. According to a [DHS watchdog](#), as many as 323,000 children are missing and need to be found and set free.
- Pray for justice to prevail in every matter (see [Psalm 106:3](#)).

## Day 17: Civil War

*Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance, leading to a knowledge of the truth (2 Timothy 2:23-25 ESV).*

America has dealt with a civil war before. With tensions on the rise in the culture, economic turmoil, dissatisfaction with the government, divisions, and violent protests, it seems as if America is being positioned for another. This is no accident, but it is intentional to keep our nation divided. We have to ask ourselves, who would benefit from a divided nation? Certainly not God-fearing Christians or those who love our country, but those with a nefarious plan. We must stand in the gap for America so we will not see history repeated. If “history belongs to the intercessors” as one theologian said, then we can do something about it through faith-filled, persistent prayer.

- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and understanding for our nation’s leaders so they transcend divisiveness and keep our nation from descending into hateful conflict, violence, and outright civil war (see [1 Kings 3:9](#)).
- Ask God to help leaders govern with fairness and loving concern for all Americans (see [Leviticus 19:15](#)).

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## Day 18: The Globalist Agenda

*Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them* (Ephesians 5:11 ESV).

If you can control the narrative, you can control pretty much anything. Globalism and the creation of a “New World Order” ruled by elites is nothing new. Some national leaders promote global solutions to our economic and environmental problems. They claim it’s a way to advance our nation and connect us with all other nations for the good of all with such promises as “you will own nothing and be happy.” Those who are discerning understand this is a blatant communist lie, opening the door to total government overreach into every area of our lives. There will be no room for independence, free thinking, or faith—only total conformity. The freedoms we have come to know and love in America will no longer exist under such a totalitarian system.

- Pray for the origins of globalism and its current puppet masters to be exposed (see [Luke 12:2-3](#)).
- Pray for the totalitarian, globalist plans for America and the world to be thwarted (see [Psalm 33:10](#)).

## Day 19: Our National Security and the Danger of World War

*Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.” He who sits in the heavens shall laugh* (Psalm 2:1-4).

Wars are described throughout the Bible and the history of the world. Today, wars involve Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Iran, and its proxies, and China is a worldwide foreboding presence. Another world war is a possibility. How can we carry on diplomacy with nations that hate us? Russia and China see America as a threat as they vie to be the top world power. At the same time, Iran and many of its surrounding nations hate the U.S. as much as they hate Israel. While the Bible doesn’t mention World War III, it mentions the increased number of wars in the last days. We know nations’ armies will join together in a massive force to attack Israel and Jerusalem before Christ returns. This will come to pass. We pray God’s timing, in God’s ways, for our good and His glory.

- Pray for U.S. military readiness. Pray that intelligence agencies will be alert to every threat to subvert and destroy America. Ask the Lord for protection and divine intervention, overthrowing every enemy’s plans so that peace will reign in our land (see [Isaiah 41:10](#)).
- Pray that the alliance of Russia, China, Iran and North Korea will break up and not endanger the U.S. or other nations. Laborers for the great harvest are needed before the Lord returns. Pray that in this time of global uncertainty and fear, the Gospel of Christ will spread to every unreached people group (see [Luke 10:2](#)).

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## Day 20: Pray for Israel and the Hostile Nations that Surround it

*On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night, they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth (Isaiah 62:6-7 ESV).*

Israel will always be at the center of God's timetable (see [Zechariah 12:2](#); [Ezra 5:5](#)). What happens in Israel should concern every believer. God's plan for Israel has not changed, and as we bless Israel, we will reap blessings ([Genesis 12:3](#)). Remember that salvation came to us through the Jews and that we have been grafted in ([Romans 11:17](#)). Although they are God's chosen, they are not yet a righteous nation and many are blind to the Jesus as Messiah. Ask God to give you His heart for the apple of His eye and pray that the eyes of their hearts will be opened and the veil removed ([2 Corinthians 3:16](#)).

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ([Psalm 122:6-8](#)) and victory over their enemies in this war ([Psalm 18:37-39](#)).
- Pray for all of the offspring of Abraham – Jews and Arabs – to return to the Father's house as family ([Luke 15:11-32](#)) reconciled to God and each other by Messiah's death and resurrection.
- Pray that both Jews and Muslims repent, believe the Gospel, and receive the Messiah Jesus ([Romans 10:10-14](#)).

## Day 21: Pray for God's Will to Be Done

*Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).*

We all have a goal in mind when we pray. We expect that God will answer whether it's for healing, provision, or breakthrough. While He does, sometimes it's a no or not yet. Sometimes, He answers in ways that we never expected. Sometimes, our prayers are pure, but sometimes our motives are not. God sees and knows everything. He doesn't need our prayers but welcomes our partnership with Him. His will and ways are higher than ours. While we may not understand everything, He sees the end from the beginning. God has had a plan for America since the birth of this nation. She has a purpose, just as all nations do. We are praying for the fulfillment of that divine purpose.

- Thank God you are alive at this time in history because this is your time. Thank God you were born in a nation like America; though not perfect, we have enjoyed her blessings (see [Acts 17:26-27](#)).
- Pray for a great awakening in America that will bring about true moral reformation and a return to the Judeo-Christian values of earlier generations (see [Ephesians 5:13-17](#)).
- Pray for God's will to be done in these all-important national elections and for our nation to be delivered from evil and restored to God's special calling to bring His light and blessing to the nations (see [Isaiah 55:8-9](#)).