

All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. A year ago we were introduced to Covid-19. We now understand the pandemic was only the beginning. There is a struggle underway for the heart of our nation. What values will shape our future? How will marriage be understood? Will equality or equity define our opportunities? Will the current censorship continue until free speech is only a relic of the past? These questions and many more are in the balance. Our children and grandchildren will experience life shaped by the responses we provide to these questions.

The rate of change and aggression of those driving the agenda is dizzying. The temptation is to look away or pretend not to notice. As ambassadors for the Kingdom of God, our assignment is clear. We are advocates for Jesus of Nazareth as Christ, Lord, and King. We will stand for the truth of God's Word.

Your willingness to engage will make a difference. Watch, listen, think, and act. Prayer is the beginning point. Through our prayers we invite God into the midst of our world. As we listen in prayer we understand the specifics of our assignments. More than 1,500 participated in the 24-Hour Prayer Watch this week at WOC. Across our nation thousands gathered for The National Day of Prayer. God is moving in and through our lives. We will not stop!

### **Morning Prayer**

Heavenly Father, You are not the author of confusion and fear. We ask for Your wisdom to be made evident in this season. Open a pathway before us that will bring Your restoration and provision. Give us receptive hearts to learn from Your discipline and guidance. Lead us today, speak to us, give us the discernment to see Your activity before us, and grant us the courage to follow You. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Mid-Day Prayer**

Almighty God, we pray for our leaders, for all those in authority over us — direct their steps and protect them from deception. In Your great power and wisdom establish us as a people with a heart for God. Open again our churches and businesses. More importantly, open our eyes to see and our hearts to receive all that You have for us. You are our strength and our protection. You alone can secure our future. In You we put our trust. May the name of Jesus be lifted up and exalted throughout the Earth in this generation. Amen.

## **Evening Prayer**

Almighty God, You are delivering us and making a new way before us. We rejoice in Your faithfulness and the display of Your grace and mercy. You reached out and lifted us up when the flood of devastation was approaching. We acknowledge You and rejoice in Your faithfulness. Now open the pathways to begin again. Fill us with a determination to honor You in the season ahead. May the spirit of confusion be broken and clarity of purpose settle upon Your people. Open doors for the proclamation of Your truth unlike any we have ever witnessed. Pour out Your Spirit upon us. Reach out Your hand to heal, deliver, and restore — in Jesus' name, amen.