

PREPARE YE THE WAY

PRAYERS TO PRAY FOR YOUR CITY, STATE, COUNTRY AND WORLD

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

General Prayers for Your City, State and Country

We ask You Lord that our city Gainesville and Alachua County, our state, nation and world, having the promises of God, will cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 7:1*

We ask You Lord that our city Gainesville and Alachua County, our state, nation and world will enter into a covenant to seek the Lord God with all our hearts and souls. In the name of Jesus Christ. *2 Chronicles 15:12*

We ask You Lord that every member of the Gainesville City Commission, the Mayor's office, the County Commission, the leaders and legislators, judges, attorneys and jurors will seek to please God, not man. We ask You Lord that we will all fear the Lord and hate evil. In the name of Jesus Christ. *Acts 5:29, Proverbs 8:13*

We ask You Lord to purge all leaders, all citizens, all schools and neighborhoods in the city of Gainesville and Alachua County, our state, nation and world from all evil. In the name of Jesus Christ. *Deuteronomy 19:19*

We ask You Lord that no weapon formed against the city of Gainesville and Alachua County, the state of Florida, the United States of America or the world will ever prosper and we will refuse every tongue that accuses us. Thank You that this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and this is their vindication from You O Lord because You have declared it. In the name of Jesus Christ. *Isaiah 54:17*

We ask you Lord that you will give all citizens of Gainesville and Alachua County, our nation and our world an undivided heart and put a new spirit in us. Remove from us our hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh, so we will follow Your decrees, and be careful to keep Your laws. We will be Your people and You will be our God. In the name of Jesus Christ. *Ezekiel 11:19-20*

We ask You Lord that there will be no other gods among us in our city of Gainesville and Alachua County, our state, nation or world. We ask You Lord that the city of Gainesville, our state of Florida, the United States of America and our world will not worship any foreign gods. In the name of Jesus Christ. *Psalms 81:9*

We ask You Lord that all citizens of Gainesville and Alachua County will confess Jesus before men, and that the Son of Man will confess all citizens of Gainesville before the angels of God. In the name of Jesus Christ. We ask You Lord that no evil will befall our city, state, nation or world, nor will any plague come near our tent. We ask You Lord to protect us from all evil; keep our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ. *Luke 12:8, Psalm 91:10, Psalm 121:7-8*
Adapted from The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God by Joy Lamb

Prayers specifically for the University of Florida and local schools

Lord, we ask in Jesus' name that You would bless UF, Santa Fe Community college, and the other colleges and schools in our city. May the professors and teachers walk in Your ways and teach truth. Cleanse their hearts and minds. May they understand truth and pass it on to their students.

Sharpen their intellectual faculties even as you purify their hearts, so they will make discoveries about You and Your creation. Help all students to learn in humility and openness. Give them discernment to be able to distinguish truth from error. May they develop spiritually and emotionally even as they develop intellectually and physically. In Jesus' name.

Prayers for the lost in our world

Heavenly Father, my heart is burdened for those who do not know You as Lord and Savior, so I lift up to You all those in my sphere of influence who do not know You. I pray that their hearts would be prepared, so that they will be "good soil" for the seed of Your Word. *Mark 4:8*

I pray that Satan will not be able to steal the seeds of truth, and that nothing else will be able to destroy the seeds. *Mark 4:15-19*

I pray that the Word will become revelation through the lifting of the veil, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give them a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. *2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Ephesians 1:17*

I pray that the root of pride in them would be broken. *2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

I pray that they come to true repentance, that God would grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the Truth, and that they may come to their sense and escape from the snare of the devil. *2 Peter 3:9, 2 Timothy 2:25-26*
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