

## THE LIGHT OF JESUS CASTS OUT CULTURAL DARKNESS

Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life" (John 8:12 NASB).

- 1** Pray for your church to understand fully that Jesus is the Light of the world, and that those who follow Him will not walk in the darkness of sin (John 8:12).
- 2** Pray for the members of your church family to become committed to the type of lifestyle and walk where the light of Jesus' life and character shines through their lives on a daily basis (John 8:12).
- 3** Pray that Christians living in your community will let their lights shine before others in such a way that the lost will see their good works and glorify our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).
- 4** Jesus said in Luke 11:34, "The eye is the lamp of your body." Pray today that the eye of your pastor will be full of the light of Jesus, and that he will know the fullness of Christ in his daily walk.
- 5** Pray that Christians in your city will not cover up the light of Jesus that is in them, but will let their light shine in a way that will encourage others to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus (Luke 11:33).
- 6** Pray that the true Light, Jesus Himself, will enlighten every individual in your community, drawing them to that place where they understand the gospel and are delivered from their sin (John 1:9).
- 7** There are many people in our country who hate the Light because He causes them to see their sins like He sees them (John 3:20). Please pray that their hearts will be softened and their hatred of Christ will be turned into genuine repentance.
- 8** Pray that the members of your church family will be able to recognize the distinctions between the true Light and the darkness of sin and evil that fills our culture (John 8:12).
- 9** Please pray that those who practice the truth will come to the Light so that their "deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God" (John 3:21). Pray that God will be especially glorified as more and more people see His presence being lived out through the lives of His children.
- 10** Pray that Christians will walk in the Light in order to avoid being overtaken by the darkness and confusion of sin (John 12:35).
- 11** Since the day of Christ's return is near, please pray that followers of Jesus will "lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12).
- 12** Paul said that Jesus' light exposes sins, making them visible for what they really are (Ephesians 5:13). Please pray that Christians will see their hidden sins just like Jesus does and will repent.
- 13** Pray that Christians in your community will be alert to the schemes of Satan and will resist his temptations as he disguises himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).
- 14** Take some time today to acknowledge that God is Light, praising Him as the One who enables men through Christ to find victory over the darkness of sin (1 John 1:5).
- 15** Please pray that the Christ-centered fellowship of your church family will increase as individuals and families purpose to walk in the Light as Jesus is in the Light (1 John 1:7).
- 16** Pray that individuals who say they are walking in the Light will remain true to Christ by never hating any of their spiritual brothers or sisters (1 John 2:9).



- 17** Thinking of specific individuals in your community who have never received God's gift of eternal life, pray that today they will repent and turn to God, becoming sons and daughters of Light (John 12:36).
- 18** Pray that the men of your church who are walking in the light of Jesus will guard their eyes so their minds may be filled with thoughts of Christ instead of the dark images of immorality so often displayed by today's media (Matthew 6:22-23).
- 19** Praise God for His glorious light that never burns out, flickers, or fades. Pray for your family members' lights to burn more brightly in their work, school, and neighborhood environments (James 1:17).
- 20** Please pray that the members of your family will be filled with the Spirit of God and will be able to discern between the spiritual light that comes from God and the darkness of sin that fills our culture (Ephesians 5:8).
- 21** Just as in creation, when God distinctly separated the light from the darkness, pray that the members of your church family and all believers will experience revival by decisively repenting—turning away from the darkness of sin and submitting to the light of Christ's presence (Genesis 1:4).
- 22** Just as the Israelites were led in the wilderness by a "pillar of fire by night, to light for them the way in which they were to go" (Nehemiah 9:19), pray that our religious and political leaders will also look to God for His supernatural guidance in their lives.
- 23** In Job 12:22, the Lord "brings the deep darkness into light." Pray that the Lord will reveal deep-rooted sins in the lives of young people, and that they will repent and receive His gracious forgiveness.
- 24** Take some time today to cry out to God for a renewed sense of His presence in your life and in the lives of your family members (Psalm 89:15).
- 25** Psalm 119:130 states that the Lord's light gives understanding to the simple. Pray for new believers to comprehend and apply the truths of Scripture, and for older believers to press on in becoming more and more like Christ.
- 26** "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). Please pray that Christians will turn to God's Word for the direction needed to keep them on the path with Jesus.
- 27** Isaiah 5:20 rebukes those "who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness." Pray for those who are promoting immorality as normal. Ask God to show them the truth about sin and lead them to repentance. Pray that churches will then receive these new believers as a part of Christ's body.
- 28** Pray for missionaries as they spread the gospel. Ask God to widen their circles of influence and guide them in building relationships through which the lost will be open to hear God's plan of salvation. May the Lord strengthen them to serve the "light of the nations" so that His salvation may reach the end of the earth (Isaiah 49:6).
- 29** Daniel 2:22 states that the light dwells with God. Pray for God's holy, manifest presence to saturate your local congregation. Ask Him to reveal the "profound and hidden things" found in Scripture to all pastors and teachers.
- 30** Let's join David in Psalm 18:28 today by asking God to light our spiritual lamps and to illuminate the darkness we find pressing in around us.
- 31** As many children are soon completing their spring semester at school and heading into summer break, take a few minutes to pray for their spiritual health and well-being. Pray that in every home and church, children will be drawn to the light of Jesus and will receive God's gift of eternal life (1 Thessalonians 5:5).