

## PRAYING WITH COMPASSION FOR YOUR CITY

When [Jesus] approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes" (Luke 19:41-42 NASB).

- 1 When you think about the individuals and families in your city who are missing a love relationship with Jesus, do you ever weep over their spiritual condition? Pray that Christians will have the same kind of loving heart Jesus has as we encounter those around us (Luke 19:41).
- 2 Please pray that the Spirit of Christ will free those in your community whose eyes have been blinded by the darkness of sin. Pray that they will be able to see clearly the light of the gospel of Jesus and be saved (Colossians 1:13).
- 3 All over the country, Christians are being awakened to the growing sinfulness found within our culture. Pray that we will not be conformed to the ways of the world, but will unite in fervent prayer, trusting God to push back the darkness and bring national revival (Romans 12:2).
- 4 Cities are often exalted as God blesses the "upright" within those cities. Pray that God will exalt your city by powerfully blessing those who are faithful in their walk with Him (Proverbs 11:10-11).
- 5 Historically, God often brings burdened individuals together to pray prior to seasons of revival. Pray that He will unite the believers in your church and community in crying out to Him for revival and spiritual awakening (Acts 1:14; 4:31).
- 6 During the early years of the church, the followers of Christ living in Ephesus came together publicly to confess as wrong their involvement in the occult (Acts 19:18-19). Pray that the believers in your city will be just as bold in turning away from sin and turning back to Christ.
- 7 Since God gives grace to the humble (James 4:6), pray that Christians throughout your community will bow before the Lord daily and therefore receive the grace needed to live victoriously for Him.
- 8 Some people place a lot of self-exalting pride in their neighborhoods and communities. Pray that a spirit of godly humility will sweep over your city and that people will walk humbly before God and each other (Micah 6:8).
- 9 Pray that the Christian husbands and wives of your city will walk humbly before one other so that their prayers may not to be hindered (1 Peter 3:7).
- 10 Pray that the younger Christians in your community will be clothed with humility and will respect and honor their elders (1 Peter 5:5).
- 11 As times of crisis engulf our cities and communities, pray that people will make the connection between God's remedial judgments and our sins. Pray that these crises will serve as reminders of that which we deserve apart from the mercy of God (Titus 3:5).
- 12 Just as Daniel humbled himself as he confessed the sins of the Hebrew nation (Daniel 9:4-8, 15-19), pray that God's people will assume responsibility for the moral and spiritual erosion of our cities and nation and then will lead their communities in repentance.
- 13 Please pray that the Christians of your community will unite in praying for those who are in authority over them, and consequently will be blessed of God by being able to experience quiet and peaceful lives (1 Timothy 2:1-2).



- 14** Pray that Christians all throughout your city will prioritize seeking God's kingdom and righteousness, above gaining wealth through their work (Matthew 6:33).
- 15** Please pray for the fathers in your community to know and follow Jesus, modeling in their family relationships the love Jesus has for His bride, the church (Ephesians 5:25).
- 16** Pray that Christian families within your city will learn to cast their cares on the Lord instead of becoming anxious in the midst of life's pressures (Philippians 4:6).
- 17** God is always looking for righteous intercessors who are willing to stand in the gap on behalf of their city and nation (Ezekiel 22:30). Pray that more and more genuine prayer warriors will arise from the churches of your community.
- 18** As God longs for church families to become houses of prayer (Matthew 21:13), pray that the congregations in your city will become known as churches committed to prayer.
- 19** Please pray that the adult Christians living in your community will consistently seek the Lord and His will, and that the younger generations watching will follow their example (Acts 17:26-27).
- 20** All over your community, Christians are being challenged with circumstances that are testing their faith in God and in the principles of His Word. Pray that their faith will be strengthened and that they will have confidence in living according to that which God has spoken (Hebrews 11:6).
- 21** It's easy for a nation to depend on political power, military strength, financial might, technological tools, medical resources, and educational institutions to solve our difficulties. Pray that we will come back to putting our trust in God alone as our deliverer (Zechariah 4:6).
- 22** Pray that the Christians in your community will lay down any attitudes of self-sufficiency and will acknowledge their tremendously desperate need for God (John 15:5).
- 23** In many churches and communities, the fear of man is a major influence in the decisions that are made. Pray that in your community, Christians will have a healthy, biblical fear of God and will continually seek His heart regarding direction and decisions (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10).
- 24** Please pray that every Christian living within your community will acknowledge the importance of knowing and living the Word of God (Psalm 119:9-11).
- 25** Pray that the people of your community will see sin like God sees it and will refuse to accept any type of moral stance contrary to the clear teachings of the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- 26** Pray that in the churches of your city, genuine repentance will characterize their response to personal and corporate sins (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).
- 27** Pray that Christians of all ages in your community will be filled with a desire to memorize and meditate on God's Word (Psalm 119:15-16).
- 28** Jesus taught that His children will be "the light of the world," and that "a city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14). Pray that the life and light of Jesus will so shine through the lives of Christians in your city and that many will be drawn to Him and be saved.
- 29** Please pray that the Christians living in your community will consistently offer up prayers that are effective and wholeheartedly centered in the will of God (James 5:16).
- 30** Please pray for your city to experience revival and spiritual awakening. Pray that the love for people that moved Jesus to weep over Jerusalem will be found in us as we make a renewed commitment to pray for our cities (Luke 19:41-42).