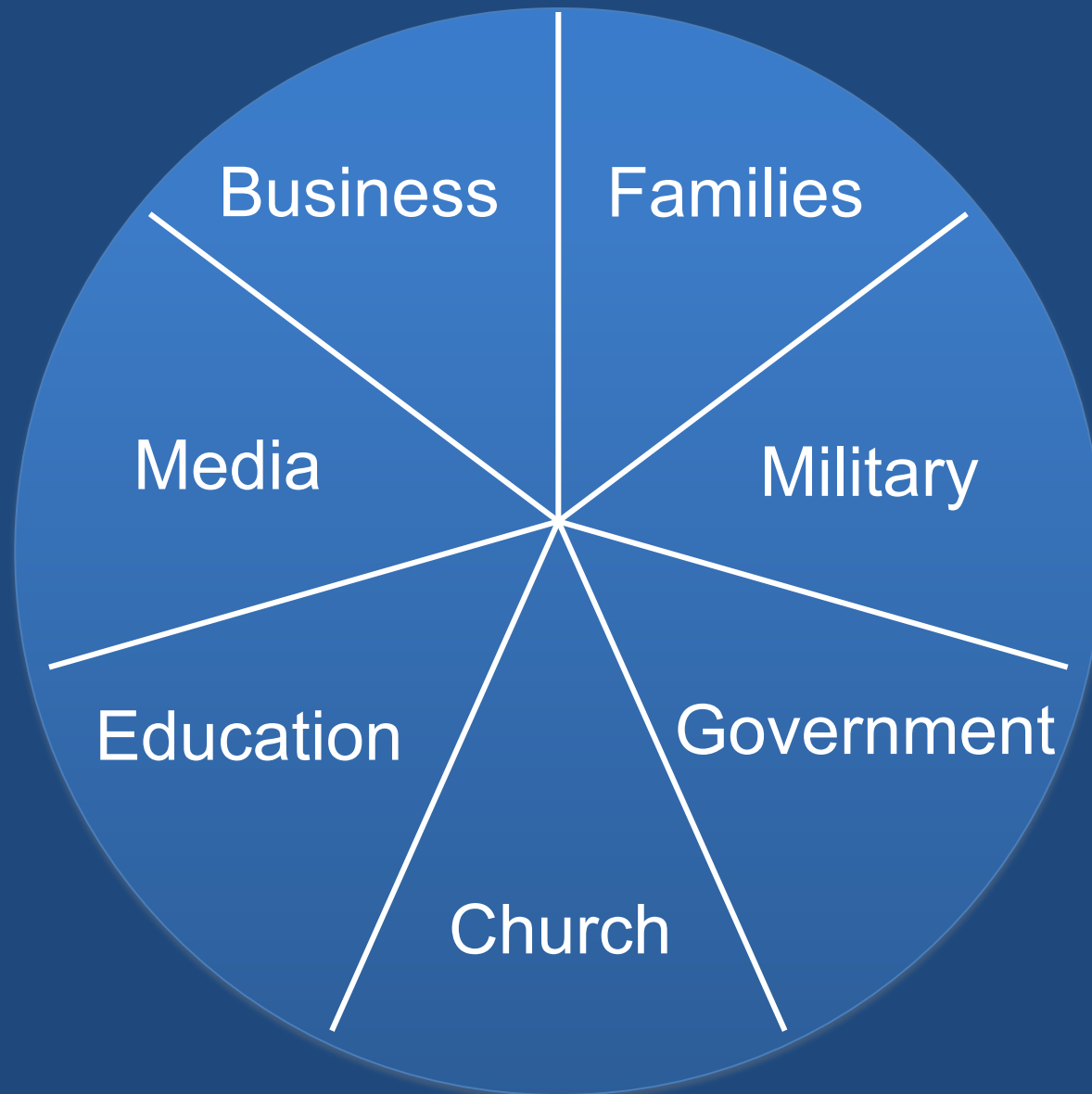


# Seven Areas of National Influence



# Pray For Churches

Jesus established the church to continue the work He had begun on Earth.

A healthy church is a powerful tool God uses to bring people into salvation and a community that continues to spurn one another on in the faith.

Pray the Father's heart. To do this, seek scripture for the divine design and wisdom concerning challenges within the Church. Meditating on scripture before beginning prayer puts our hearts into a position of submission to the will of God



# Pray For Churches: WHAT?

- God, use Your Church as a beacon of light and joy to a world that is searching for answers
- Jesus, give your pastors keen wisdom and insight that is in tune with your Spirit so they would never lose sight of the mission of Your Church
- Lord, open hearts in the church to care for people outside the church, to be praying for them and to become visibly and tangibly concerned and helping them in needs and struggles
- Bring a focus for exalting You above all else, to pastors, church staff, volunteers and lay leaders
- Stir the Holy Spirit among the body to actively participate in discipling one another in Scripture
- Father, burden the Church with urgency to share the Gospel with passion and the power of the Spirit
- Remind us to eagerly look for ways to use our time, talents, and treasures to build up the Body of Christ

# Pray For Families

God established families at the foundation of the world, creating Eve from Adam's bone, and growing children from their union.

The family is first place we learn about God and create expectations for how to form relationships. Healthy families provide a strong foundation for children to grow into mature adults and model the love of Christ by sacrificially serving one another.

Pray the Father's heart. To do this, seek scripture for the divine design for families and wisdom on cultivating a healthy family life.



# Pray For Families: WHAT?

- Wisdom in choosing a spouse; to be equally yoked together in faith
- Grant us humility, and with that humility bring stability and peace to families
- Give husbands and wives the grace to consider each other before self
- Endurance for single parents or grandparents stepping in as parents
- Comfort for families moving forward through grief
- Strengthen families who also serve as caretakers for medically fragile family members
- Give empty-nest parents comfort in transition and the vision to grasp their new role as full-time intercessors for adult kids
- Harmony in blended families
- Create a means of escape and healing from harmful family dynamics

# Pray For Education

Education is an investment into the future, and a unifying connecting point for each person.

Parents and caretakers need wisdom from the Lord to make the right choice for their children to help them fulfill the plans the Lord has for them. Students need to know they were created by God with value and that their Creator has a purpose for them. Instructors need endurance to faithfully teach pupil.

Pray the Father's heart. To do this, seek scripture for the divine design and wisdom about children growing in knowledge and wisdom.



# Pray For Education: WHAT?

- Father, Stir the hearts of parents to take an active role in the academic, spiritual, and emotional formation of their children
- Give Christian parents a missionary mindset to minister to teachers in their children's lives
- Lord, draw near to teachers in the classroom and teach them to rely on the Holy Spirit throughout the day rather than their own strength
- Set young people free from the hopelessness, despair, depression, anxiety, loneliness, and substance abuse
- Bless teachers with an outpouring of grace and endurance of such magnitude it overflows onto their students, their schools, and their communities
- Turn the hearts of students to see their worth and value in their Creator and Savior, rather than test scores, athletic performance or social media following
- Pour out discernment on older students and their parents to know what path You have for them transitioning into adulthood

# Pray For Government

Scripture calls believers to pray for those in authority, regardless of political party or allegiance.

Government functions to provide a framework for an organized society, while our devotion and compass for what is true and good are rooted in the unchanging truths of God laid out in Scripture.

Pray the Father's heart. To do this, seek scripture for the places God reveals how we should interact and participate with government.



**Praying For Leaders and Elected Officials in Government**

# Pray For Government: WHAT?

- Provide leaders with wise and godly counselors who will provide honest wisdom and encouragement
- Well up humility in the hearts of leaders to make apologies or adjustments when these things are necessary
- Lord, pour out a spirit of cooperation between elected leaders
- Break down the barriers that are built up by selfish ambition for personal power
- Safeguard the marriages and families of elected leaders who spend large portions of time away from home
- God, give leaders clarity to know what issues are most important to dedicate their time toward
- Soften the hearts of leaders to hear and understand the needs of the communities they serve
- Bring a spirit of harmony and righteousness among the staff members who work to support each elected leader

# Pray For Businesses

A workplace is anywhere work is performed—both within and outside the home. Each person is created in the image of God and holds inherent dignity, and as His creator God calls each person to work as if working as a representative of Christ. Therefore, both our place of work and our heart's position at work need to reflect our dignity and obedience to God

Pray the Father's heart. To do this, seek scripture for the divine design and wisdom concerning righteous ways to conduct business and honor God while working.



# Pray For Businesses: WHAT?

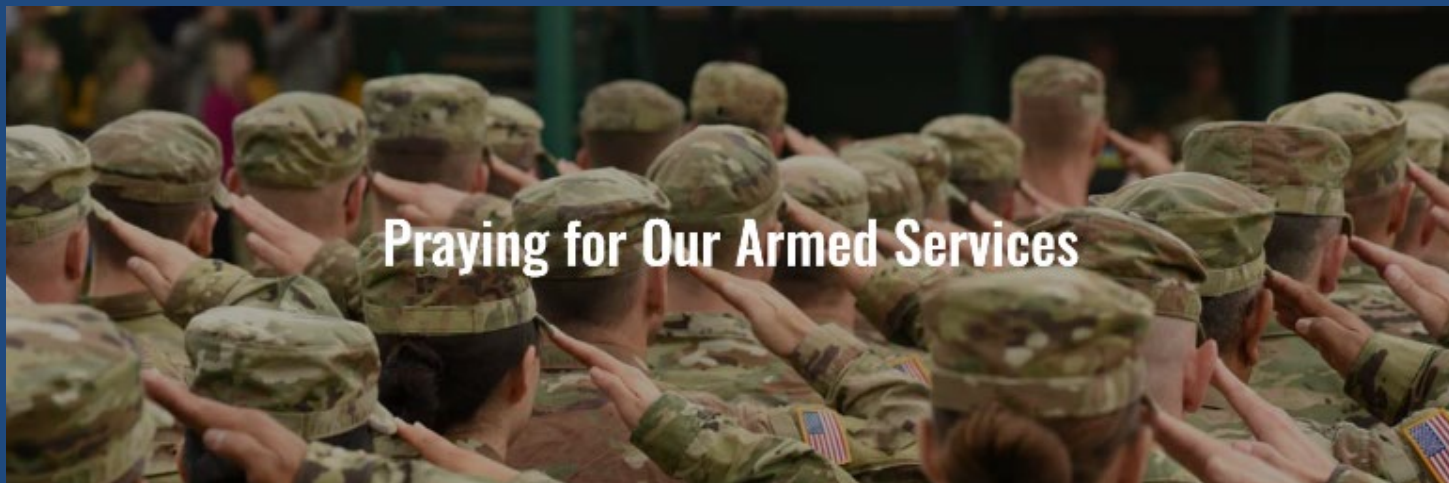
- May each business leader be of great character: of integrity, humbleness of spirit and heart, honest in speech and actions, empathetic and vulnerable.
- Lord, raise up a workforce that is filled with a spirit of excellence and unity in all they do
- Dispel any false belief that a person's value comes from a job title—let the truth ring out that a person is valuable because they are image bearers of You, their Creator
- Pour out a spirit of generosity onto the mountain of Business like never before
- May the gifts of the work of their hands be a great blessing to each family and community
- Father, open the hearts of business leaders to be soul-searching, to cast out any greed, selfish ambition and idols and lay them on the altar of repentance
- Give shift leaders hearts genuinely concerned with the overall wellbeing of their workers

# Pray For Military

In the Old Testament, we see God leading the Israelites through battles into the promised land.

God not only gave His chosen people deliverance in these historical events: He revealed aspects of His character that we praise and put our trust in, even today.

Pray the Father's heart. To do this, seek scripture for wisdom on God's design for each person to rely on the Lord and His provision.



# Pray For Military: WHAT?

- Pray for the leaders to make wise and righteous decisions based on Biblical principles rather than personal career gains.
- Lord, help all military personnel see You working in their daily lives, that You are with them, whether they are in the field, at home, or abroad.
- Remove stigmas for seeking medical attention for mental and physical needs.
- God, hold the families of service members close, and may they look to You for the strength and peace that only You can give.
- Comfort the spouses who are separated due to military jobs—keep these marriages strong.
- Lord, keep the hearts of the military from being desensitized to violence, while keeping them strengthened through battles. Only You can provide such a balance.
- Move service members to seek the Lord and family for comfort, rather than overuse of substances

# Pray For Media

God demonstrated the ultimate creativity when He created the Heavens and the Earth and all that is within it.

The creatives who make up the arts, entertainment and media sphere need our prayers to honor the God-given creative gifts and steward them to bless our culture.

Pray the Father's heart. To do this, seek scripture for the heart of the Creator who is the source of all creativity and who knows what our hearts and minds need in the entertainment we consume



# Pray For Media: WHAT?

- Lord, encourage the believers who are called to use their creative gifts to glorify You and cultivate a culture of concern for one another.
- Teach us to use the news as prayer prompts and ideas for how to serve our local community.
- Pour out wisdom for people who bring funding to entertainment media to fund things that are wholesome and speak the truth of God.
- Send creativity for artists to create thought-provoking works of art and entertainment that point towards Your redemptive plan for humanity.
- fill the hearts of artists who fill stadiums with adoring fans but still feel alone—You are the only one who can make them whole.
- Guide news professionals to seek truth and gather evidence, to present the issues of the day clearly.
- Strengthen the Christians in these spheres to boldly stand for Biblical truth in the writer's rooms, board meetings and creative processes