

A Strategic Prayer Initiative for Our Nation

As our nation faces deepening moral and spiritual challenges affecting both the culture and the Church, strategic prayer is desperately needed to call both the Church and the nation to repentance and to strengthen the biblical foundations upon which our nation was established. Therefore, the National Prayer Center has launched a special 20-week prayer initiative themed, “Praying through the Heart of the Year for the Soul of Our Nation.” This prayer emphasis is built around twenty indicators of spiritual awakening in the Church and the Culture as drafted by the Awakening America Alliance.

Beginning on May 2, the Sunday prior to the National Day of Prayer, this prayer emphasis will continue through the week beginning September 12, the Sunday following 9/11 observances. Download weekly prayer guides for the awakening indicators from www.prayer.ag. Additionally, a downloadable flier, implementation guidelines, PowerPoints of the indicators and prayer guides, as well as information about the National Day of Prayer and Cry Out America can be found on the NPC Web site as well (www.prayer.ag/org).

Weekly Prayer Focus Schedule

(Indicators of awakening in the Church and Culture)

Week of May 2: Increasing testimony of the manifest presence of God *(Church)*

Week of May 9: Breakdowns in racial, social, and status barriers as Christ’s Church celebrates together—Jesus *(Culture)*

Week of May 16: Increased conversions and baptisms *(Church)*

Week of May 23: A restoration of morality, ethical foundations, and accountability among leaders of church and government, business and politics *(Culture)*

Week of May 30: Amplified participation in corporate as well as individual prayer, fasting, and other spiritual disciplines, leading to more effective discipleship *(Church)*

Week of June 6: A transformation of society through the restoration of Christ’s influence in the arts, media, and communications *(Culture)*

Week of June 13: A decrease in divorces and renewed commitment to marriage between a man and a woman in covenant relationship as God intends *(Church)*

Week of June 20: Increased care for the hungry and homeless, the most vulnerable and needy *(Culture)*

Week of June 27: Imparting faith to children and youth, as parents are equipped by the church to become primary disciplers of their children *(Church)*

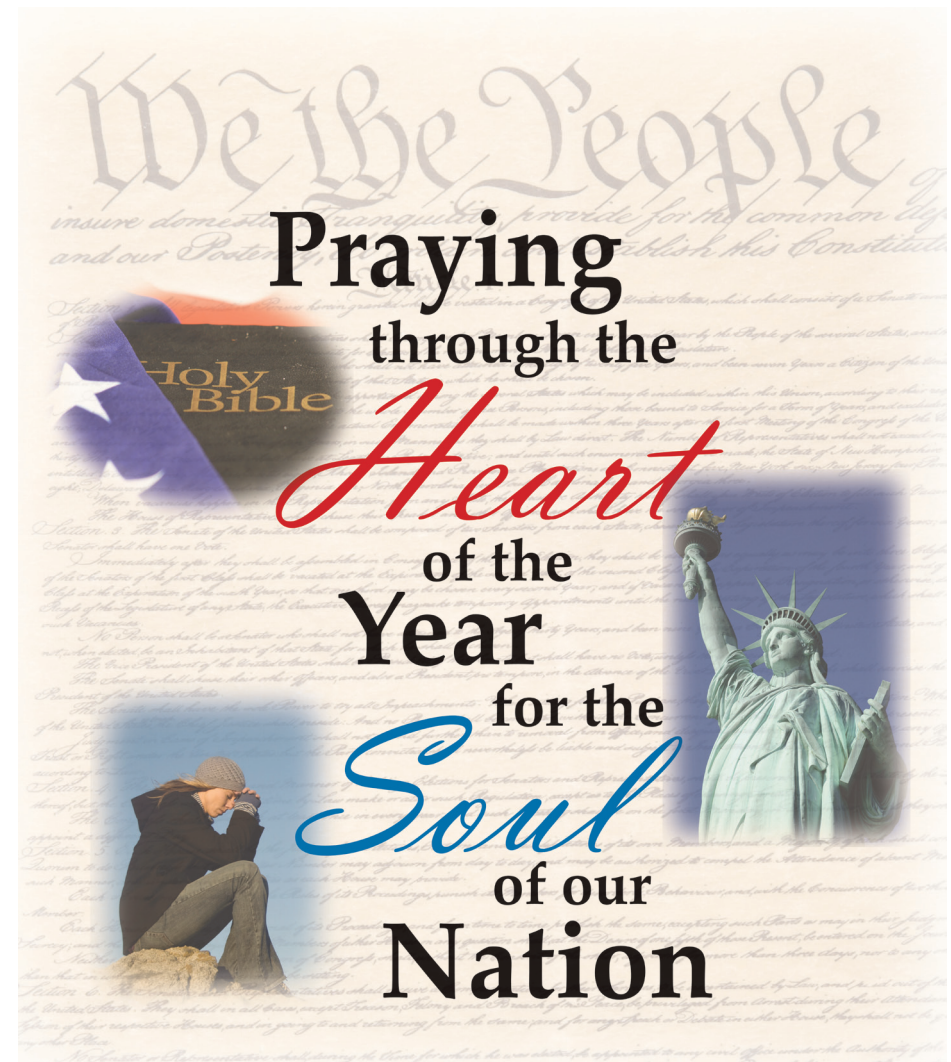
Week of July 4: Young adults, students, and children embracing the claims and lifestyle of Christ through the witness of peers who live and love as Jesus *(Culture)*

Week of July 11: Among churches, a passionate pursuit for the well-being of their cities through the planting of new congregations, benevolent ministries, practical service, and focused evangelism *(Church)*

Week of July 18: Community and national leaders seeking out the Church as an answer to society’s problems *(Culture)*

Week of July 25: Commitment to radical generosity as evidenced by compassion ministries and global missions *(Church)*

- Week of August 1:** Increased care for children as “gifts from the Lord” as the gospel addresses abortion, adoption, foster care, and child well-being (*Culture*)
- Week of August 8:** Improved health among ministers as evidenced by their joy, decreased resignations, healthy, loving relationships within their families, and an increased response among young people called to the ministry (*Church*)
- Week of August 15:** Righteous relations between men and women: decrease in divorce rates, cohabitation, same-sex relations, sexual abuse, sexual trafficking, out-of-wedlock children, and STDs (*Culture*)
- Week of August 22:** Christians involved in bold witness accompanied by miracles, dramatic conversions, and Holy Spirit-empowered victories over evil (*Church*)
- Week of August 29:** An awakening to the “fear of the Lord” rather than the approval of people, thus restoring integrity and credibility (*Culture*)
- Week of September 5:** Heightened expressions of love and unity among all believers, as demonstrated by the unity of pastors and leaders (*Church*)
- Week of September 12:** Neighborhood transformation and an accompanying decrease of social ills through increased expressions of “loving your neighbor” in service, compassion, and unity (*Culture*)



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