



**National Day of Prayer – May 4, 2017
Prayer Guide 2017**

Grace and Peace to you from the Christian Legal Society!

We hope you will join together in prayer with the Christian Legal Society community of the thousands of faithful Christian lawyers and law students across the country even as our nation gathers to pray corporately on Thursday, May 4, 2017. It is our hope and desire that this Prayer Guide may serve as an encouragement to you in guiding and bolstering your prayers to our Lord and Savior this week and in the future.

May God richly bless you!

Please pray for America’s judicial system, our Supreme Court justices, local judges and attorneys; that God will install, in every courtroom across America, men and women who are committed to honoring Him and serving with integrity.

For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King. Isaiah 33:22

The integrity of the upright will guide them. Proverbs 11:3

Pray for the leadership, staff and funding for the ministries of Christian Legal Society (CLS), for our Center for Law and Religious Freedom, and for all lawyers defending religious liberty in the courts, that God’s love and justice will prevail.

“For I, the Lord, love justice. I will direct their work in truth.” Isaiah 61:8

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34

Pray for Christian Legal Society attorneys to live lives devoted to prayer.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. 1 Samuel 12:23

Pray for the 41 Christian Legal Aid programs operating 127 clinic sites affiliated with CLS nationwide, run by volunteer lawyers to stand up for the defenseless and to reach people with the love of God.

Pure and undefiled religion before God is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted by the world. James 1:27

Pray that Christian lawyers will fear God more than man, standing uprightly as godly leaders in our homes, churches, legal, and political communities.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches. Proverbs 22:1

And we pray this in order that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10

Pray that we as attorneys will be dedicated witnesses to fellow attorneys, taking each opportunity to share the Good News, regardless of workloads or perceived time limitations.

Be prepared in season and out of season. 2 Timothy 4: 2

Pray that God would comfort attorneys (and our clients and families) in personal and financial distress, restore the health of loved ones, and heal the brokenhearted.

The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us. . . He will bless those who fear the Lord – both small and great. Psalms 115:12-13

Pray that each attorney enduring fiery trials through faith will know with assurance that their God is with them.

If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Romans 8:31, 35, 37

“Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” Daniel 3:25

Pray that Christian lawyers around the world defending the persecuted will be connected to the limitless resources of the kingdom.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10

Pray for the Holy Spirit to move through the attorneys to spark revival in America; that many would be saved and will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. Habakkuk 3:2

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

What a rich blessing to be able to come together as a *community* of faithful Christians from so many denominations across the country!

Selections from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.* (Proper 1)

For Vocation in Daily Work

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serve, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

For Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

For Commerce and Industry:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this worth knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

MORNING BLESSING

May God give you absolute clarity and divine discernment so you can see things as they are, and not as they seem. May He keep you far from accusing tongues and protect you from being wrongly assessed. May you have the backbone and conviction to stand up for what is true, and to stand back when God wants to fight for you. May God give you laser-like focus to tend to your God-given assignment. May He give you empowering grace to flourish in the place He has you. May your pure heart and firm faith keep you steady on the path ahead of you. These things are yours because you belong to Him. Have a blessed day!



- From Susie Larson

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (The Book of Common Prayer)

EVENING BLESSING



By God's grace, may you eliminate hurry and worry from your life. May you instead slow your pace and turn your face to the One who loves, saves, redeems, and restores everything about you. Instead of grabbing for yourself, may you pause and wait and see how God provides and cares for you. May you enter into a new season where you know God's rest, His pace, and His provision like you've never know before. He's for you and with you in ways you can't even imagine! Have a blessed night!

- From Susie Larson

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (The Book of Common Prayer)