

## A Prayer for Our Community

Father, we come before you and, LORD, we acknowledge, as Hezekiah did, LORD, that you are the God of creation. LORD, you have given us your Word. You have given us your promise, and you stand on that. LORD, Jesus is the proof that you are the promise keeper. He is the fulfillment of your Word. And Father, we come before you because we have nowhere else to turn. There is no solution apart from you, and so Father, we seek your face.

LORD, our communities are a mess right now. People are anxious to leave their homes; they're scared to go to school; they're angry; they're upset; they're confused. Father, it seems hopeless.

But Father, in the midst of that hopelessness, we are reminded that you are the God who came and walked among us. And things on that Saturday felt really hopeless. Because, Jesus, you had been crucified on Friday, but it was the next day that you walked out of the grave. And may we be reminded that you are the God of resurrection power, and Father, that your Holy Spirit is active. And LORD, we ask that you would work in and through us, your people, to be your hands and to be your feet and to be your body.

And so, Father, because of who you are, we now come before you, collectively your people. And LORD we present these requests to you. Our community needs you. Hear our prayer, Father.

- We pray for all of our leaders, LORD, at the federal level, the state level, the municipal level. Father, we pray that they would turn toward you, LORD, that they would seek your wisdom, that they would be given your discernment, that you would be the one to instruct them on the best way forward. And Father, that they would find a path forward that benefits all of us who live here.
- Father, we want to pray for the families of those who have just dealt with incredible tragedy, Father, the families of Renee Good, Alex Pretti. Father, we pray that they would turn to you in their grief, that they would look to you, and Father, that you would be near and comfort them.
- Father, we pray for our law enforcement officials. Father, we pray that you would give them wisdom and discernment, that you would protect them. Father, we pray that you would allow them to bring a sense of peace to our community.
- Father, we pray for all of those who are in the street who are expressing their frustration. LORD, that they would do so in a way that is non-violent.

- Father, we pray for all of our immigrant families who are here. LORD, that they would be treated with dignity and respect. Father, that they would look to you and that you would be the keeper of them.
- Father, we pray for all of the federal agents who are here in town. LORD, that you would comfort their families as they are anxious and nervous. Father, that you would allow them to do the job that they've been assigned to do, but LORD, that they would do it in a way that would honor you and uphold the dignity of all people while preserving the law.
- And Father, we pray that our communities would turn toward you. That we would not be tempted by human solutions, but LORD, that we would look to you to be our king and our great God.
- Father, I want to pray for all the churches around the Twin Cities. LORD, that you would protect them and that we would be able to worship in peace without disruption. But Father, that we would also be people who serve and love our neighbors in need. Father, may we honor you as your people by the way we show up in these moments.
- And Father, I pray against the spirit of division that is happening in the Twin Cities. Father, allow us to be your people, to be reconcilers, to point people in this community to you. LORD, we long for the day when people start to say, "What happened in Minneapolis? It was going so poorly and now it's going so well! What changed?" And Father, we pray that the only solution will be the church rose up and Jesus was found by the people of the Twin Cities. Father, we declare the Twin Cities are yours. Help your kingdom to come here. Use us, we pray, for the sake of your kingdom and your name.

And we pray all of this in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

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