



# SBC

## 2023 National Day of Prayer

# Pray Fervently and Avail Much

How to pray on the National Day of Prayer, May 4, 2023

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.*

James 5:16 (CSB)

### CONFESS

*Confess your sins. (v.16)*

- **ANGER** Am I angry? (James 1:19-20)
- **PARTIALITY** Am I showing partiality to the privileged? (James 2:3-4,9)
- **SPEECH** Do I condemn others through what I say? (James 3:6-10)
- **ENVY** Do I justify jealousy toward others? (James 4:1-4)
- **PRIDE** Am I proud? (James 4:6-10)
- **ABUSE** Have I taken advantage of the vulnerable? (James 5:4-6)

### INTERCESSION

*Pray for one another. (v.16)*

- **HEALING** Who do I know who needs physical or emotional healing? (James 5:14-16)
- **BLESSINGS** Who can I pray for who needs a material blessing? (James 5:17-18)
- **EVANGELISM** Who can I pray for who needs Jesus? (James 5:18-20)

### RIGHTEOUSNESS

*The prayer of a righteous person has great power. (v.16)*

- **MOTIVES** Are the secrets of my heart pure? (James 5:16)
- **ACTIONS** Am I living right in all ways—publicly and privately? (James 5:16)
- **HINDRANCES** Is there any unrighteousness in me hindering my prayer life? (James 4:3)



### EFFECTIVENESS

*The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. (v.16)*

- I pray the **International Mission Board** missionary force and President Paul Chitwood will be blessed with the favor of God, ministry effectiveness, and financial resources as they take the gospel to the nations. (James 5:16)
- I pray the **North American Mission Board** missionary force and President Kevin Ezell will be blessed with the favor of God, ministry effectiveness, and financial resources as they spread the gospel in North America. (James 5:16)
- I pray the **six SBC Seminaries** will be effective in preparing God-called men and women for vocational service in our churches and other ministries. (James 5:16) (**Gateway** Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention; **Midwestern** Baptist Theological Seminary; **New Orleans** Baptist Theological Seminary; **Southeastern** Baptist Theological Seminary; The **Southern** Baptist Theological Seminary; **Southwestern** Baptist Theological Seminary)
- I pray **Lifeway Christian Resources** will experience God's favor as it serves churches and designs experiences that fuel ministry.
- I pray God will use the **Women's Missionary Union** in missions discipleship and in furthering the mission commitment of our churches.
- I pray the **Executive Committee** of the SBC will find God's favor in encouraging cooperation among our churches, associations, and state conventions for worldwide missions and ministries.
- I pray for God's blessings on **GuideStone Financial Resources** as it assists churches, and others, with insurance, retirement, and financial services.
- I pray for the **Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission** as they serve the SBC as a catalyst connecting the agenda of the kingdom of Christ to the cultures of local congregations.