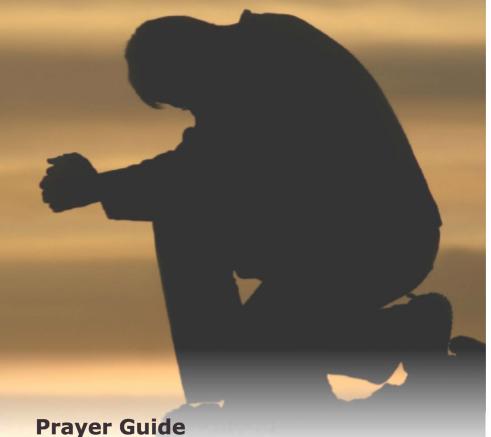
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"When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in His holy temple The Lord is on His heavenly throne." Psalm 11:3,4

- 1. "Lord, heal the brokenhearted, comfort the grieving, and protect the powerless."
  - But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless. Psalm 10:14 NIV
  - He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3 NIV
     Only God can heal the hurting.
- 2. "Lord, use events of this world to open many doors that have been hard to Your Gospel."
  - "The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm." Nahum 1:3 NIV
  - "Pray that God may open a door for our message..." Colossians 4:3 NIV
    God's plan is much larger than the tragedy we can see He's about getting the Good News
    of His Son to hearts and places it has never gone!
- 3. "Lord, do something that will show people Your glory over all the earth."
  - "O God...let Your glory be over all the earth." Psalm 108:5 NIV
  - "Be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5 NIV

This is a season for God to do something that no world leader, no government, no organization could possibly do – so all will know that "the Lord He is God."

- 4. "Lord, use these anxious and uncertain times to bring many to Christ."
  - "Pray...that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."
     Thessalonians 3:1 NIV
  - "May God be gracious to us and bless us...that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations." Psalm 67:1, 2 NIV

God can use this uncertain time to reach the hearts of many!

- 5. "Lord, guide government leaders to be instruments of Your will on earth."
  - "I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone for kings and all those in authority." I Timothy 2:1, 2 NIV

A believer's responsibility to "honor the king" (I Peter 2:17) and to pray for those in authority transcends political labels and issues – it is a spiritual responsibility!

- 6. "Lord, help Your people model Your hope and Your peace, pointing the people around them to Jesus at a time when hearts are soft."
  - "We have this Hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."
     Hebrews 6:19 NIV
  - "Open your eyes and look at fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35 NIV

    This uncertain time is a life-saving moment when those who belong to Jesus have an unusual window to introduce Him to those who don't. But the window may not be open for long.
- 7. "Lord, as your people, show us what you want to say to us through these life-altering events."
  - Show me Your ways, LORD, teach me Your paths. Psalm 25:4 NIV
  - 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 I will forgive
    their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

God uses unsettling events to prompt us to ask questions we would otherwise never ask, and change these we would otherwise never change.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

Iames 5:16 NIV