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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." 2 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!

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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.” 1 Timothy 2:1, 2 NIV*

A believer’s responsibility to “honor the king” (1 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.”

James 5:16 NIV