

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving for God's Providence in Our Founding

FOCAL PASSAGE

1 Chronicles 16:24

*“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous
works among all the peoples!”*



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, two hundred and fifty years ago you set apart a people and a place for purposes only you could see. Tonight we declare your glory among the nations, for every marvelous work your hand has done in the founding and the keeping of this country. Thank you for the courage of those who first sought liberty under your authority, and for the providence that has carried this nation through war, division, and change. May our thanksgiving tonight become a testimony that spreads to every people we touch. In Jesus' name, amen.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving for Peaceful and Quiet Living

FOCAL PASSAGE

1 Timothy 2:2

“...for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”



PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the ordinary mercies of peace — for streets we can walk without fear, for elections settled without bloodshed, for a government, however imperfect, that allows us to worship, work, and raise our families in relative quiet. We know this peace is not owed to us; it is your gift. Forgive us for taking it for granted, and teach us to steward this peaceful life toward godliness and dignity, not comfort or complacency. In Jesus' name, amen.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving for Liberty and Freedom of Worship

FOCAL PASSAGE

2 Corinthians 3:17

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”



PRAYER

Lord, we thank you that in this land we can gather tonight without fear, that we can open your Word in public and sing your praise aloud. This freedom did not begin with a document; it began with your Spirit, and it is your Spirit alone who makes it more than an empty right. Thank you for every believer across two hundred fifty years who worshiped freely because of the liberty this nation protected. Keep us from wasting that freedom, and give us courage to use it for your glory while we still have it. In Jesus' name, amen.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving for a Prosperous Land

FOCAL PASSAGE

Psalm 16:5–6

“The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.”



PRAYER

Father, from the coasts to the plains to the mountains, you have given this nation a beautiful inheritance. Thank you for soil that yields harvest, for industry and ingenuity, for the daily bread you provide through the work of our hands. But tonight we remember that our chosen portion is not the land itself, but you. Guard us from loving the gift more than the Giver, and teach us to hold our prosperity with open hands, ready to bless others as we ourselves have been blessed. In Jesus' name, amen.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving for Faithful Generations Before Us

FOCAL PASSAGE

Deuteronomy 4:9

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children —”



PRAYER

Lord, we give thanks for every mother, father, pastor, and neighbor who carried the faith to us across two hundred fifty years — those who prayed in log cabins and clapboard churches, who taught the Scriptures by firelight, who believed you before we ever did. Their faithfulness is our inheritance every bit as much as any freedom or field. Help us keep our souls diligently, so that what was entrusted to us is not lost in our hands, but carried faithfully to the children not yet born. In Jesus’ name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

God's Mercy upon Our Land

FOCAL PASSAGE

Psalm 85:4–7

“Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.”



PRAYER

Holy Father, we humbly plead for your undeserved mercy upon our lives, our church, and our nation. Help us come before you aware that we deserve your judgment far more than your blessing. By the blood of Jesus alone we ask for merciful grace to revive and bless us once again. Restore us, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

A Spirit of Brokenness and Repentance

FOCAL PASSAGE

Proverbs 28:13

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”



PRAYER

Righteous God, send us overwhelming conviction of sin, deep brokenness, and genuine repentance. Grant us the godly sorrow that leads to repentance, not the fleeting regret that leads nowhere. We do not wish to conceal our transgressions any longer; we confess them now, individually and as a nation, trusting that you alone can forsake them with us and grant us mercy. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

Boldness, Holiness, and Power in Our Pastors

FOCAL PASSAGE

1 Corinthians 2:2–5

“For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified... my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”



PRAYER

Mighty God, come upon our pastors — ours, and every shepherd across this land — with deep repentance, dynamic power, and renewed passion for you. Let them decide to know nothing among their people except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Grant them a wall of protection from the world, the flesh, and the devil. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

Fervent Prayer to Sweep Our Land

FOCAL PASSAGE

James 4:8–10

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”



PRAYER

Righteous God, grant us a burning hunger for you and a passion for fervent prayer. Help us draw near to you, cleanse our hands, and purify our hearts. Cause us to hunger and thirst for you above all else, and lead us to build churches that are known as houses of prayer for every nation. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

Unity in Churches and Families

FOCAL PASSAGE

John 17:20–21

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one... so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”



PRAYER

Holy Father, bring us to loving unity in our churches and a deep harmony between our churches, our families, and our neighbors. Tear down the strongholds of bickering and division that so often ravage your church. So we ask that the world would see our unity and believe that you sent your Son. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

An Explosion of Evangelism

FOCAL PASSAGE

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



PRAYER

Gracious Lord, fill us with a burning passion to pray for and witness to those who do not yet know you. Cause our eyes to weep for souls that we may reap in joy. Clothe us with power from the Holy Spirit to be your witnesses here in Benbrook, across Texas, and to the ends of the earth. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

A Passion for Missions

FOCAL PASSAGE

Luke 15:4–7

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine... and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?”



PRAYER

Righteous God, empower your people with a burning passion for missions, both near and far. Grant us a fiery zeal for reaching the lost, like a shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to search for the one still missing. Forgive us for our frequent lack of concern beyond our own household. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

An Increase of Laborers

FOCAL PASSAGE

Matthew 9:37–38

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”



PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, the fields are ripe, but the laborers are still few. Call thousands in this generation into ministry, missions, and Christian witness. Send forth a mighty flood of laborers into the harvest, and stir in the hearts of our own sons and daughters a willingness to go wherever you send them. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

Salvation and Wisdom in Government Leaders

FOCAL PASSAGE

1 Timothy 2:1–4

“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions... who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”



PRAYER

Holy Father, we ask for a mighty move of conviction and salvation in our government leaders and in every person who shapes our culture. Pour out your convicting, saving power upon our nation's capital, our courts, our schools, and our media. In Jesus' name, amen.

INTERCESSION

For Those Who Influence the Nation Through Media and Entertainment

FOCAL PASSAGE

Isaiah 5:20

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”



PRAYER

Sovereign God, we lift up every screenwriter, producer, journalist, musician, and influencer who shapes what our nation believes is good and beautiful. Convict hearts that have called evil good and good evil, that have put darkness for light. Raise up believers within media and entertainment who will not bow to what sells but to what is true, and give the industries that shape our culture a hunger for righteousness that outlasts every trend. In Jesus' name, amen.

INTERCESSION

For National Leaders to Love Justice and Govern Wisely

FOCAL PASSAGE

Micah 6:8

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”



PRAYER

Lord, you have told us what is good, and what you require: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

We ask this for every leader who holds authority in our nation — from the White House to the statehouse to the city council. Give them a love for justice over party, wisdom for the common good over personal gain, and humility before you over pride in office. In Jesus' name, amen.

INTERCESSION

Against the Spiritual Forces of Evil in Our Schools

FOCAL PASSAGE

Ephesians 6:11–12

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against... the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”



PRAYER

Lord of Hosts, we put on the whole armor of God and stand against the schemes of the devil at work in our schools. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of evil that seek to confuse our children, corrupt their innocence, and steal their faith before it takes root. Raise up teachers, coaches, and staff who love you, and protect the hearts and minds of every student. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING & CONFESSION

Global Spiritual Awakening and Evangelistic Harvest

FOCAL PASSAGE

Isaiah 64:1–2

“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence.”



PRAYER

Sovereign God, rend the heavens and send forth your awesome presence. Move in such power that this generation would see an unprecedented harvest of souls, greater than any awakening that has come before. Purify your Bride, O Christ, and use this two hundred fiftieth year of our nation to kindle revival fire that spreads far beyond our borders. Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.