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2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 (ESV)



A Week of Prayer for Our Nation

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MONTGOMERY

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

TRUE FREEDOM HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GIFT — ONE WORTH CELEBRATING, AND ONE WORTH PROTECTING. AS OUR NATION ENTERS ITS 250TH YEAR, JOIN WITH THE FBC FAMILY IN A WEEK OF INTENTIONAL PRAYER: FOR OUR LEADERS, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE REVIVAL ONLY GOD CAN BRING.

Church Family,

This week, we celebrate an extraordinary milestone. 250 years of a nation unlike any other in human history. But more than celebration, this is a moment for the people of God to press into prayer.

I want to invite you to use this guide not as a checklist, but as a doorway. A daily invitation to bring before our Father the leaders, the struggles, the hopes, and the future of the country we love. It is not exhaustive, but it is intentional. Let it lead you somewhere real with God each day.

We are a grateful people. The freedoms we enjoy, to worship, to gather, to open the Word without fear, were purchased at great cost. Generations of faithful men and women gave their lives, their families, and their futures so that we might stand where we stand today. We do not take that lightly. We receive it with humility and with sober recognition.

Gratitude turns into intercession. Scripture calls us to pray “for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and godly life” (1 Timothy 2:2). That command was given to a church living under Caesar. How much more should we, who have been given so much, take up that responsibility with urgency and faith?

We are also a people on mission. FBC Montgomery exists to be a bright beacon of gospel hope for our neighborhood, our city, our nation, and the world. As we look toward the next 250 years, let us commit ourselves not merely to preserving what we have inherited, but to advancing what Christ has commissioned.

Celebrate boldly. Pray earnestly. And trust the God who holds every nation in His hands.

Grateful for you,



MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Repentance and Gratitude

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 (ESV)

PRAYER POINTS

- ★ Thank God for 250 years of provision and protection for our nation. Thank Him for the freedoms we enjoy and for the witness of faith ingrained in the founding of the United States. Thank Him specifically for the blessing of religious freedom and for the exercises of faith we can freely express.
- ★ Come before God in humility and plead for repentance in our land. Ask God to heal brokenness and allow us to walk in obedience to His Word and Way.
- ★ Ask the Lord to continue the work of revival and repentance in our individual hearts. Pray that God would give us renewed faith and rejuvenated spirits to keep shining bright gospel lights.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Revival and Spiritual Awakening

*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.*

PSALM 85:6-7 (ESV)

PRAYER POINTS

- ★ Ask God to awaken His people from spiritual complacency, and that churches would be reinvigorated by love for God and people, just as in the great awakenings of our nation's past.
- ★ Pray specifically for the lost in our nation and community. Pray that this 250th anniversary would be marked by extraordinary salvation and communities transformed by the gospel.
- ★ Spend time praying for someone in your life who needs gospel transformation. Pray for open doors.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

The American Church

...maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

EPHESIANS 4:3-6 (ESV)

PRAYER POINTS

- ★ Pray for unity among believers as we humbly, courageously, joyfully, and sacrificially trust and obey God's good Word. Pray that a lost world would see the light of hope through us.
- ★ Ask God to raise up bold, godly leaders and pastors who will preach the Word without fear or compromise, shepherd their people with integrity, and be beacons of hope in their communities.
- ★ Pray for the next generation of church leaders to be raised up with a burden to reach the lost and to serve with courage and integrity.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Our Local Church

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:28 (ESV)

PRAYER POINTS

- ★ Pray by name for each ministry at our church and the ministers and staff members who oversee those different efforts. Pray they would continue to encounter and serve the lost, as well as encourage the faithful.
- ★ Pray that our church would continue to be a beacon of light and hope for our community.
- ★ Pray for our Community Ministry efforts that the Lord would bless our opportunities to love our city in Jesus' name. Also, pray for our mission efforts outside Montgomery and to the ends of the earth.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Our Nation's Leaders

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 (ESV)

PRAYER POINTS

- ★ Pray for leaders across all three branches of government. Pray for state and local leaders. Pray for all those in positions of authority at every level of government.
- ★ Ask God to grant them wisdom beyond their own, fear of Him, and genuine love and servant-heartedness towards those they represent.
- ★ Ask God to protect those in positions of authority from pride, corruption, and any other temptation. Pray that righteous men and women are raised up to serve at every level of government.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Our Nation's Armed Forces

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

PSALM 91:1-2 (ESV)

PRAYER POINTS

- ★ Pray for the men and women in all six military branches: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force, especially those deployed far from home. Ask God for protection, courage, and a peace that surpasses understanding for each one of their families.
- ★ Pray for veterans, the wounded, and those struggling with the invisible wounds of war. Ask God to bring healing, community, and purpose to those who have paid a high price for our freedoms. Also, pray that military chaplains would be bold ambassadors of Christ within the ranks of each branch.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

The Gospel and the Nation

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

ROMANS 1:16 (ESV)

PRAYER POINTS

- ★ Thank God that the freedom being celebrated today has allowed believers to openly proclaim the gospel in America for 250 years. Ask the Lord to make this anniversary a moment of renewed missionary conviction.
- ★ Pray that the many community and neighborhood gatherings would produce opportunities for gospel conversations.
- ★ Pray a prayer of gratitude for our nation and its history. Thank the Lord for the blessing of living in a free country.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

America's Future, God's Glory

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

PROVERBS 14:34 (ESV)

PRAYER POINTS

- ★ Pray for the next chapter in America's history. Pray that His righteousness would be the standard the nation reaches for in its laws, culture, classrooms, and homes. Ask that the light of the Gospel will burn brighter in the next 250 years than in the previous 250.
- ★ Pray for a peace-filled future, a gospel-saturated culture, and a righteousness-seeking people to flourish into the future of our nation.
- ★ Close this week of prayer with praise and surrender. Thank Him for His patience, His mercy across 250 years, and the promise that His plans cannot be thwarted.

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YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



Independence Sunday

a service of worship and remembrance

SUNDAY, JULY 5

9:45 AM

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE



Hot Dog Cookout and Fellowship following service

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