

Holy and Righteous Father in Heaven. Hallowed be your Name! Your kingdom come, your will be done on heaven and on earth.

We thank you this day, on this National day of Prayer for your many blessings, that you bestow upon us despite our ungratefulness and often sinful ways.

Thank you for the blessing of people. Thank you for each person of Mayfield and Graves County and all who have come out today. Thank you for the good that is done by our leaders, law enforcement, civil services, fireman, hospital servants, and others. Thank you for the good citizens who seek to practice the golden rule and provide care and concern for their neighbors. Thank you for the talents of the people of this community. Thank you for the values and belief in You as the Creator. Thank you for the family ties and family values. Thank you for the hard work that has been done through the past, and the present hard work that is being done by our citizens. Thank you for the schools of our area and their work in educating, molding, and training our youth.

Father we thank you for the privilege and gift of living in a world filled with beauty and excitement. Thank you for the gift of loving and being loved. We praise you for the freedom we have as Americans. We appreciate the many who have offered their blood and sacrificed greatly for this freedom we enjoy.

Oh Great Creator, we thank you that you created a creative people. A people that have ambition, drive, and goals. Help the ambition, drive, and goals of the people of our community to be focused on righteousness, love, mercy, and your Ways. Thank you for creating such a beautiful natural area for us to enjoy and be blessed by. Help us as a people to be connected to your nature and your creation. Help us to consider and contemplate the glory of your heavens and earth so we might praise you more! Thank you for the agriculture of our community. May it continue to be a strong influence upon our region for fiscal and family reasons.

To you Oh Heavenly Father, we thank you for our children. We thank you for the opportunity to hear them sing, laugh, read, and run. We pray for their future. We pray for the parents of our area. Help them to love, lead, and train. May all alcohol and substance abuses be banished from

our community homes. May our children be free from hungry stomachs, physical and sexual abuse, and worry. May they know the love of parents and learn the blessing of work, responsibility, and service. I pray for the marriages of our community. May they be strengthened. Help them to know commitment, forgiveness, and patient love.

Father, We pray for the leadership of our community. We pray that they will be blessed with wisdom and discernment. Help them to value Your truth over the popular cultural norms. Help them to lead in a way that is best for our area, as servants, not as greedy for power and gain. Help the workers of our community, to be dedicated, hard-working, humble, and willing. Help them to realize that they are not just working for their boss, but they are working for you. May all laziness, selfishness, and jealousy be rid from our community.

Dear God, as we think about the people of our area. We are mindful of the many that our feet our standing upon their shoulders. We are blessed today, because of the efforts, faith, and wisdom of so many who have gone before. These are our forefathers, many of these have gone on from this life, but their influence remains. We pray for those of this group who are now aged and in poor health. We pray for the widows, and widowers, the shut-ins, and nursing home residents. We pray for those who are sick. For those afflicted with cancer and other diseases. We pray for those on kidney dialysis and others who are drawing nigh to their passing. We pray for hope, peace, and comfort for those who have lost their loved ones and the pain and grief they feel.

Father we know that “With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down. For it is you who light (OUR) lamp; the LORD (our) God lightens (our) darkness.”

(Psalms 18:25–28 ESV)

Help us to be like you. Help us to be merciful to one another. May we have a heart for the poor and destitute. May we seek to minister to prisoners, with hope, discipline, and training. For the stranger and orphan amongst us, may they find love, mercy, and hope. May the people seek to be blameless and pure. Help us to be a humble people.

Help us to look to you and Your Word for guidance. May our Bibles be cherished, read, and obeyed.

Father, we want prosperity, growth, and abundance, but Father give us what we need. Help our attitude to be such that we want what you want Father. Help us to desire righteousness, justice, and mercy over pleasure, abundance, and physical gain. May our hearts be turned to You. We pray that you can be our Rock, Our Strength, Our Fortress.

Help us to live out the words of the Psalmist:
“For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.”
(Psalms 62:5–12 ESV)

Dear God, help us to seek your power, rather than riches that increase. Help us to know your steadfast love and mercy. Help us always to live considering our works, knowing that judgment is coming.

Father, we pray that our faith, hope, and love may increase and abound as a people. Help us to seek and love your Truth. Help us to throw off the deceits and lies of Satan. Help us to talk more to you and listen more to you so that our knowledge might increase. May you be our Shepherd and Guide.

Father, more than anything, I pray that we can truly be your people. Help us to realize what that means. Help us to be shaped by your Story. Help us to be molded by the Cross and your Son who died upon it. Help us to be Your People in word, deed, and thought.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen