

Use this **Strategic Prayer Guide** to give purpose to your prayer time. The guiding Scripture for this prayer effort is [Daniel 2:20-22](#).

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

Use the prayer journal in each section of this guide to jot down any insights and words from the Lord during your prayer time. Ask God to reveal “deep and hidden things” pertaining to hatred and unrest in our nation. The last two pages include prayer strategies for our cities at this tumultuous time.

Most of all, seek Him for prayer strategies for your own community, city and state. As we see the news and videos that are difficult to watch, ask God’s Spirit to quell the unrest.

UNREST

An IFA Special Prayer Guide

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for understanding of the current civil unrest, the agendas, and the people behind them.

Pray Ps 119:169.

This week, the nation witnessed the violent death of George Floyd. An arrest has been made. Details are currently under investigation and hopefully will be made known soon. The loss of any life in this type of manner is tragic. We mourn the life of George Floyd and pray justice will be served.

We’ve seen the reaction of people in cities across the nation. Many want justice. Some want violence and to personally gain by stealing, looting, or extending their agenda.

We need to pray for truth, justice, and peace now by:

- Praying for George Floyd’s family and friends as they mourn his tragic loss.
- Praying for the Minneapolis police department as a whole and Officer Derek Chauvin, who has now been charged with murder.

- Praying for the Church in Minneapolis to rise up and for God to bring peace to the city.
- Praying for mayors and police forces in major cities across the nation to be able to enforce the law in a proper and effective way.
- Pray for police forces around the nation. Authorities that do not abuse power are critical for the rule of law. Pray for calm law enforcement, for clear minds in heated moments, and for protection.
- Praying for truth to be revealed as the Department of Justice assists in the investigation. Pray for justice.

Prayer Journal Notes

PRAY FOR PROTECTION

Pray that those the spirit behind the unrest would be dismantled, and broken off at the root. Pray for protection for cities and citizens.

Pray Psalm 64.



Pray for victory over violence and it's roots.

What is the spirit behind this spread of violence when a tragedy like this occurs and how do we pray?

The driving spirit is hatred. Violence opens a door to hate. The very thing that protesters are saying caused the tragedy in the first place is being replicated in their actions.

God seeks to build up and not tear down. The enemy is the destroyer and knows a house divided cannot stand. We need to pray for the door of hatred to be shut in people's lives, and for people not to partner with the enemy in destruction. Proverbs 3:31 cautions us to "...not envy the violent or choose any of their ways."

Acting in the opposite spirit is the best way to bring down a stronghold. We can pray for justice, peace, and that people will see others how God sees them – through His loving eyes and with a heart of mercy and grace. And we can take action. We can help businesses that have been burned or looted to rebuild. We can reach out to people who are affected or afraid and offer friendship, food, and help with practical needs. We can rise up and show the love of Christ to an angry, fearful world.

Scriptures to pray to affirm truth and light in our nation:

Ephesians 6:12 Our battle is spiritual.

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Esther 4:16 Esther fasted and prayed for an evil plot to be exposed.

John 17:3 God is the only true God and path to salvation.

Genesis 1:26 God created all human beings in his image.

Ezekiel 22:30 We can create a wall of prayer around our leaders and our nation.

Prayer Journal Notes

Tactics of the masked:

Manuals of the activist groups show a variety of conscious tactics to spread their message, resist the authorities, and take action for their cause.

Violence—Instilling fear and intimidation is key to their protests. Handbooks by anarchists even include recipes for building bombs, booby-traps, homemade explosives, and riot gear. Fires, looting, destruction are all tactics used to intimidate, overpower, and destroy.

Doxxing— A means of smearing someone on the opposition, doxxing is the public release of personal information—social security number, address, medical records, phone number—in order to cause harm.

Shutting down speech—Stifling speakers with loud noises and/or violence, creating protests that threaten a speaker's safety and lead to cancellation of a speaking engagement, or disrupting an event, leading to cancellation due to safety concerns.

Resisting police and assisting protesters—Not only action against the police, but also abetting and covering for other violent activists. There are plenty of people who are not taking to the streets, but fund, promote, support and help those who are committing violence.



PRAY FOR POLICE

Pray for police forces across the nation. Authorities that do not abuse power are critical to the rule of law. Pray for calm law enforcement and clear minds in this heated environment, and for protection.

Pray Ephesians 5:13.



Who is behind the violence?

People like George Soros and his son Alex support a spectrum of organizations that practice planned violent demonstrations, employ hired protestors for disrupting opposing viewpoints and inciting violence at events. For instance, Black Lives Matter, Occupy, Antifa, and a host of others have a direct tie to the funding and direction of George and Alex Soros.

Bussed-in agitators and protestors is not anything new. We saw that systematic stoking of hate happening in other incendiary situations such as Ferguson, where sparks from a seemingly unjust situation are fanned into flames of mass violence and destruction by professional protestors. Those who seek to exploit it are doing nothing to bring honor, justice or reconciliation—they don't want to. The paid-for violence helps fuel their political ideologies. Paid agitators is big business, as one [Chicago Tribune journalist](#) found out.

Keep in mind what we see on the news may not really be what is happening. [Twisting of the truth](#) is a tactic of some dishonest news media.

We know who is ultimately behind all the hatred and the violence. We also know who can bring peace and reconciliation to our cities. (Pray 1 Pet 5:8-11)

Who should you be watching for?

Prayer Focus: When mass violence erupts, one of these groups just might be involved. Watch for the fingerprints of one of these groups on the protests and riots across the nation:



Antifa

Antifa sounds like it might be a good thing, taking its name from "anti-fascism."

But the tactics and goals of the Antifa align more with the intimidation and violence of anarchists. Masked and

operating in the shadows with violence, mayhem, and secrecy, the Antifa have succeeded at creating small armies of violent disrupters who are hard to trace or arrest. Aligned with, and in awe of, the Marxist revolution and writings, they are anarchists and communists. Their [tactics](#) have a singular aim—destruction. As one writer on their website, [ItsGoingDown.com](#), puts it: "What are we trying to do? We're trying to destroy the world." They often work in tandem with Black Lives Matter because of their common enemy in law enforcement. Some of their funding comes from sources such as **George Soros**, but most of it trickles in from unknown sources via **Kickstarter** and via **bitcoin**. (Pray Jn 10:10)



Black Lives Matter

Birthered as a response to the acquittal of the man who killed Trayvon Martin in Florida, Black Lives Matter

(BLM) has since created a violent police vs. blacks narrative, calling for violence and resistance to law enforcement. Funding for BLM is familiar, including Soros's [Open Society Foundation](#), the [Ford Foundation](#), and [Google](#). Activists [Patrisse Cullors](#), [DeRay McKesson](#), and others have also expanded BLM's aim and message, promoting the LGBTQ agenda and divestment from Israel. The 61% increase in officers shot and killed on duty in 2016 is due in part to the violent rhetoric and actions of the Black Lives Matter group. (Pray Eph 2:1-5)



Occupy

Launched in September 2011 by [Kalle Lasn](#), Occupy began as "Occupy Wall Street," a protest against capitalism and corporate America. Encamping themselves in a public park, creating mayhem and disruption, Occupy Wall Street grew to other cities and became "Occupy." A group filled with former ACORN former, and a number of anti-Semites, Occupy is aligned with militant Muslim leaders such as [Hatem Abudayyeh](#), executive director of the [Arab-American Action Network](#) and [CAIR](#), the [Communist Party USA](#), [Van Jones](#), [Michael Moore](#), and [Mumia Abu-Jamal](#). (Pray Is 42:7)



White Supremacists

Neo-Nazis, KKK, Aryan Brotherhood, or Skinheads, these groups have been operating in America under various names for many

years. Their hate for Black, Jewish, and other minority people is the keystone to their evil organizations. Operating in secrecy in the past, now many operate in the open, displaying their hatred of minority groups in rallies and protests, and fueling hate through their websites and blogs.

Richard Spencer operates **The National Policy Institute**, a self-proclaimed "white supremacist think tank" in the DC area. He coined the phrase "alt-right" to describe their "policy positions." This is why this term should NEVER be used to describe any legitimate organization, especially Christian and traditional values groups. (Pray Col 1:13-14)

PRAYING SPIRITUAL PROTECTION OVER CITIES

With the ongoing threats of violence in city streets and ungodly forces rising against authority and peace, here are some prayer points for your own community as you stand on the wall of intercession.

Lift up praise and worship over the city.

"Extol the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion. He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you" (Psalm 147:12-13).

- Magnify the name of Jesus above all other names (Luke 10:17; Phil 2:9-11).
- Declare His Lordship in your community and region (2 Kings 19:19; Psalm 50:23).
- Read psalms of praise to displace any voices of darkness (Psalm 33, 35, 65, and 67).

Declare your home and community to be a dwelling place for God's Presence.

"And I myself will be a wall of fire around it," declares the Lord, "and I will be its glory within" (Zechariah 2:5).

- Celebrate the light of His Presence which brings strength and favor (Psalm 89:15-17).
- Praise Him for His Presence which disarms the enemy (Psalm 31:20; Exodus 33:14).
- Thank God for His Presence which prevents any deception or falsehood from taking hold (Psalm 101:7).
- Invite the fear of the Lord to rest upon your community (Psalm 34:7; Isaiah 8:13-14).

Call for unity in the church and oneness of spirit among spiritual leaders.

"Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one" (John 17:11).

- Pray that the hearts of leaders would be drawn together by a oneness of spirit (Ephesians 4:16; Galatians 3:26-28).
- Pray that doctrinal differences would give way to demonstrating the power of the gospel (2 Chronicles 30:12; 1 Corinthians 1:10).
- Pray that a unified voice would arise from the city, reflecting the Father's heart and will (Romans 15:5-6).
- Pray that believers would be drawn together in the power of covenant community (Acts 18:9-10).

Disarm any plans of the enemy to cause harm or injury to people or property.

"Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15).

- Declare God's righteous boundaries around the city (Psalm 31:20; Jeremiah 5:22).
- Renounce (refuse to recognize) and cancel any threats of harm or property damage (Isaiah 63:9; Luke 4:28-30).
- Pray that communications of the enemy would be confused and canceled (Jeremiah 20:11-12; Psalm 55:9-10).
- Counter negative words or curses spoken with the promises of God (Psalm 109:26-31; 2 Corinthians 10:2-6).

Declare that the light of Truth will dispel any darkness and expose the lies.

"In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:4-5).

- Bless the city with an increased awareness of His Presence and truth which dispels darkness (Psalm 36:9).
- Pray that those who oppose God's heart and ways would encounter Jesus (Acts 8:12-13).
- Pray that counterfeits would be exposed, bringing the fear of the Lord (Acts 19:14-17).
- Pray that every evil practice would collide with Truth and Life (Acts 8:4-8).

Speak God's blessings and protection over transportation and communication lines.

"The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven" (Deuteronomy 28:7).

- Pray protection over city streets and citizens young and old (Psalm 121:8; Proverbs 10:9).
- Bless the roadways and highways with the holiness of God (Isaiah 35:8-10).
- Declare the roadways consecrated unto the Lord to bring wandering souls back to Him (Jeremiah 50:5).

Pray for the Word of God and message of the cross to be shared with power.

"For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict...Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life" (Luke 21:15, 17-19).

- Declare that the power of God's Word and anointing of the Holy Spirit would disarm the adversary (Acts 6:9-10; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-7).
- Pray for boldness to declare the truth of the gospel (Acts 4:29-31; Philippians 1:14).
- Pray that the Spirit of truth would be proclaimed and heard (John 16:13-14).
- Declare the favor of God on those who preach and teach the Word of God (Acts 17:16-17, 32).

Thank God for His delivering power in defeating all His enemies.

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

For more information on how to pray for spiritual protection for your city, check out these resources and teachings on IFApray.org:

Devotion: Preparation for Spritual Warfare <https://www.ifapray.org/daily-devotional/preparation-for-spiritual-warfare/>

Devotion: Praying to Change History <https://www.ifapray.org/daily-devotional/audio-devotional-series-praying-to-change-history-by-derek-prince/>

Prayer Guide: Protection Against Witchcraft <https://www.ifapray.org/promo/witchcraft/>