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PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

MODEL Prayers: Following are the model prayer in content, language and conduct.

- (a) **Content.** Positive, based on the Preamble of the Constitution of India. All can join in.
- (b) **Vocabulary and Language.** The vocabulary of the prayer is to be very plain simple as the children speak to parents. Those who are in relationship speak simple and straight language.
- (c) **Conduct.** Best is to read and make people repeat the prayer to follow line by line. This suggestion is by experience.
- (d) **Part 1 and Part 2**
 - (i) **Part 1:** Shorter, easier version of the prayers
 - (ii) **Part 2:** Longer version of the prayers and for effectiveness and depth

GETTING READY FOR PRAYER

1. Praise and worship to God
2. Giving thanks to God.
3. Asking God for forgiveness of sins.
4. Asking God for the Spirit of prayer and for the Holy Spirit to lead. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PART 1: SHORT MODEL PRAYERS

PRAYER 1: PRAYER BASED ON 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

1. Lord God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, we humble ourselves and come before You. We are sinners saved by Your grace. You said in Your Word, according to 2 Chronicles 7:14 that “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 will forgive their sins and will heal their land.”
2. Father God, You are a God who loves and forgives. You have had

mercy on us. According to John 3:16, “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Today our nation is hurting and in need of a loving relationship with you. We need more love for one another and neighborliness.

3. Father God, may Your Grace be upon us in our neighborhoods and in our nation. May Your kingdom come so that we may live together in unity, love and respect. Please hear our prayer and bless us. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

PRAYER 2 : DECLARATION GOD IS LORD OF OUR NATION

1. Our Heavenly Father, we proclaim You are God of our nation. We love You, we need You. We need godly values.
2. We desire Your presence, Your holy fear, and good relationship with You.
3. We desire Your governance (rule). Heavenly Father, we seek You. O God, without You, our nation cannot progress or enjoy peace. O Father, our Creator, may Your righteousness, justice, truth, unity in You, love for God and love for people, faith in the living God and obedience to You prevail in our country. Through these values, may our nation please You and may we prosper in You.
4. In the Name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER 3 : PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS OF AS A NATION

Let us come before God, and acknowledge and repent of the sins which we have committed as a Nation. We confess that there is corruption, intolerance, violence, and discrimination based on class, caste, tribes and ethnicity. We repent and are grieved by the sins around us. We seek forgiveness of all sins of all peoples of this land. And we seek your compassion, mercy and grace for ourselves and on behalf of the people of our nation.

We ask forgiveness from God our Father for these things:

1. Injustice
2. Corruption
3. Atrocities committed against vulnerable people.

4. Crimes against women and children. 5. Ignorance of the Living God. 6. Evil done by us in our history. 7. Our society's inequalities of status and opportunity. 8. Hatred towards each other, favoritism, partisan attitudes, caste and class practices, and evil motives. 9. Sins committed individually against God. 10. Wrongs done against other nations by our nation.

We ask for Your forgiveness for all these sins and more, and see Your power to overcome them and to remove them from our midst.

PRAYER 4 : SEVEN-FOLD HEALING

Let us pray for the seven types of healing for our land because Jesus heals us.

- 1. Physical Healing:** O Father, we pray that You will heal our people, land and animals from every sickness of mind body and soul; of every infectious diseases, and those caused by pollution of air water and land, and unethical and wrongful living. Of life threatening diseases such as AIDS, cancers, brain fever, diabetes, jaundice and other sicknesses. Keep us safe from every sickness. In the Name of Jesus.
- 2. Mental Healing:** O Lord, we acknowledge that our thoughts are unclean and detestable. We ask You to forgive us and heal our minds and our subconscious thoughts. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.
- 3. Emotional Healing:** God our Father, please heal our emotions. Heal us of every sadness, fear, frustration, depression and event that drive people to commit suicide or murder. Heal us. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.
- 4. Spiritual Healing:** O Father, change the spiritual atmosphere of our land. Give us a new heart and new spirit. We acknowledge our sins. Give us revived spiritual life. May the eyes of our hearts be opened. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.
- 5. Social Healing:** O Lord, You have made us all equal. But we are now divided by caste, creed and color. There is oppression of women and children. Heal us from this social leprosy which only You can do. Heal our society. We pray in JesusName.
- 6. Healing of Relationships:** Heal our relationships we pray. Families are breaking up. There is strife and tension between neighbors and communities, between states and groups. It is only in Your love that we can love each other. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.
- 7. Healing of the land:** O Father, our land is cursed because of our sins. The land does not yield much. There are famine and floods. Air, water

and land are polluted. Even the animals give less milk. Today we acknowledge our sins and turn from our wicked ways. We ask Your pardon. According to Your Word heal our land. May our crops, cattle and fish increase. Save this land from famine and floods. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER 5 : PRAYER FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Our country's Constitution is very important for all of us citizens. Let us pray to God our Maker that our Constitution be sustained on a good relationship with God and care for one another. Let us pray.

O Father, we as a nation request You to take authority over us and make our national character good.

May righteousness and justice be the foundation of our country.

May our Constitution be implemented, established, supported and respected. May democracy be established firmly

May there be love, brotherhood, generosity, and peaceful coexistence among our citizens. May there be equality of status and opportunity.

May every citizen be given all the rights guaranteed in our Constitution. O Father God, May there be freedom of thought, faith and worship as guaranteed in the Constitution.

We pray for the unity and wholeness of our Nation. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER 6 : PRAYER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION

O Father, may our Constitution be always founded on good relationship with You. O Father, we pray for the three pillars of our Constitution --

1. The Judiciary 2. The Legislature 3. The Executive

Grant that in Your grace and mercy these three pillars may function in the fear of God, in the truth of God, and in the justice of God.

May nothing be done against You, the Constitution, one another or in rebellion against You.

May the **legislature** make laws in line with the Constitution. May the **judiciary** function according to Constitutional laws. May the **executive** carry out the

laws according to the Constitution without fear or favoritism. May these be done in Your holy fear according to Your Will. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER 7 : PRAYER FOR THE GOVERNMENT

O Father, we pray for the Central, state and local governments, that Your grace and mercy may be on them. Grant that they may work in Your fear, in Your truth, and with Your justice. May no work be done that is against You, O God. May Your fear be in us so that we may give respect to those in authority over us, and may those who are in authority work with integrity, justice and with compassion.

May Your government and reign be established in our country and states.

We pray for those who are in authority in the Central government. (*Pray over individual names.*)

We pray for those in authority in the state and local governments. (*Pray over individual names.*)

We pray for grace, the knowledge of the truth and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the D.M. (District Magistrate), police officials, and village heads. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER 8 : PRAYER FOR OUR NATIONAL LEADERS

President
Vice President
Prime Minister
Leader of the Ruling Alliance/Party
Opposition Leaders
Defense Minister
Home Minister
Finance Minister

Other Cabinet Ministers
Speaker of Lok Sabha
Chief Ministers and State Ministers
State Governors
District Magistrates
Superintendents of Police and
other district officials

PRAYER 9 : PRAYER FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

- CHINA: O Father may Your peace and kingdom be established here. May there be good relations between China and our country.
- BANGLADESH: O Father God may there be Your peace and salvation in this country. May the people know Your salvation. May there be good relationship between Bangladesh and our country.
- SRI LANKA: O Father God, May Your mercy, love peace and Your kingdom be established in this country. May there be good relations with our country.
- PAKISTAN: O Father God, we pray for this country that Your kingdom be established in this country. May there be good relations with our country.
- NEPAL: May God's blessing and peace and Your kingdom be established in this country. May there be good relations with our country.
- AFGHANISTAN: O Father, may Your peace and kingdom be established in this country. May there be good relations with our country.
- BHUTAN: O Father, may Your peace and righteousness be established in this country. May there be good relations with our country.
- MYANMMAR: O Father, may Your peace and righteousness be established in this country. May there be good relations with our country.
- We pray for the islands of MALDIVES and MAURITIUS

PRAYER 10 : PRAYER FOR CHURCH IN INDIA AND LOCAL AREA POINTS

- Local area specific prayer points for the Nation.
- Pray for the Church Leaders and Church In India

PART 2: DETAILED MODEL PRAYERS

1. Our beloved Nation, India, has two things to pray for:
 - (a) **First Point:** Prayer for the Constitution of India which defines the nation and pray for those associated with keeping the Constitution.
 - (i) Our Constitution is based on godly values. We have to pray that our Constitution remains secure and godly values in it remain intact and are promulgated. People may respect and obey the Constitution and the Laws of the Nation.
 - (ii) Our Indian Constitution has **3 pillars** namely **Legislature** (that makes the law and in doing so they should not transgress God's Laws and Commands), **Executive** (political and bureaucratic executive at various levels that execute the law) and **Judiciary** (that ensures just application of the Law). These 3 Pillars (Legislature, Executive and Judiciary) must function in the fear and love of God and uphold the Constitution.
 - (i) **President of India** is the overall Constitutional Head who protects the Constitution and ensures that everything in the country is done constitutionally.
 - (iv) President is the Supreme Commander of the **Armed Forces** to ensure integrity of the Nation and to safeguard the Constitution of India.
 - (v) Other concerned institutions which uphold the Constitution and integrity of the Constitution are **various political parties, media, Election Commission (EC)**.
 - (vi) **Church in India** through intercession and prayers has to safeguard the Constitution and integrity of the Nation with foundational Integrity within Church.
 - (b) **Second Point:** Our Nation faces several issues which we grapple with. There are several issues in day to day life which we are facing in present time and have to pray for.

First Point: Ten Prayers For Constitution Of India

2. There are 10 Prayers for the Constitution.

S.No.	Prayer for	Prayer No.
(a)	Prayer for the Constitutional Heads like President and Governor	11
(b)	Prayer for Legislature Pillar (Law makers MPs, MLAs and Speakers, righteous Laws)	12
(c)	Prayer for Judiciary Pillar (Judiciary, Just Laws, Courts, Judges, Lawyers, Officers, Staff, Functioning of Courts)	13
(d)	Prayer for Executive Pillar (ruling government comprising of political executives)	14
(e)	Prayer for the Executive Pillar (Bureaucrats in all groups)	15
(f)	Prayer for Armed Forces	16
(g)	Prayer for Election Commission	17
(h)	Prayer for all political parties' presidents or representatives	18
(i)	Prayer for Media (Print / Electronic)	19
(j)	Prayer for the Church in India	20

Second Point: Ten Prayers For Issues Facing India

3. We will pray for following 10 issues or problem areas:

S. No.	Prayer for	Prayer No.
(a)	National Reconciliation	21
(b)	Righteousness	22
(c)	All People and Communities (Religious and Castes)	23
(d)	Social and Economic Justice	24
(e)	Respect for Those in Authority	25
(f)	Economic Stability (Corporate Sector, RBI, Banks, Finance Ministry)	26
(g)	Women, Youth and Children	27
(h)	Political Stability	28
(i)	Family and Relationships	29
(j)	Poor, Sick and Differently Abled People	30

PRAYER NO. 11: For the Constitution and for Constitutional Heads

This prayer is for the safeguarding of the Constitution of India and the Constitutional Heads at national and state level.

4. Prayer for the Constitution.

Let us pray in accordance with 1 Tim 2:1- 4.

Our Father in Heaven, we as a nation thank you for the Constitution of India and all the Godly values therein. We request You to take authority over us and make our national character good.

May righteousness and justice, peace and integrity be the foundation of our country.

May our Constitution be protected, established, implemented, supported and respected. May democracy be established firmly.

May there be love, brotherhood and generosity among our citizens.
May there be equality of status and opportunity.

May every citizen be given all the rights guaranteed in our Constitution. O Father God, may there be freedom of thought, faith and worship as guaranteed in the Constitution.

We pray for the unity and wholeness of our nation. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

5. Prayer for Constitutional Heads (President and Governors)

Let us pray. Our Father in Heaven, we humble ourselves as we approach you to pray for our President (*name*), Vice President (*name*), and Governor of the States and Lt Governor of Delhi, (*names*).

We thank you for appointing them in these high offices with the responsibility to uphold the Constitution of the Nation.

We pray for them that they will acknowledge that their positions of authority were obtained either by God's choice or His permissive will (Rom 13:1).

May they have wisdom, knowledge, and courage from You Lord Jesus to lead the Nation, protect the Constitution and uphold the interest of the Nation before anything else in your truth and integrity (Heb. 11:32- 34).

May they be saved from all deceitful and wrong counsels or people who may harm them and our Nation (Psalm 16:7-8).

May they be exemplary role models and promote a way of life in which citizens and the Government of our nation will live by Your values.

May they be conscious of their accountability to you, Almighty God, for their attitudes, motives, behaviors, and decisions that affect our nation.

We pray that their terms of service will be dedicated to build India — where people can prosper individually, feel secure, and take pride in their Indian citizenship, and that you, Almighty God, are recognized as the source of all our blessings. May You alone be honored and glorified. In Jesus Name we pray, amen.

Prayer No. 12 : For Legislative Pillar

This prayer is for the Legislative Pillar of the Constitution where laws are made. This pillar may work within the framework of the Constitution and make laws that are according to the Laws of God and do not infringe upon His Laws regarding our right to worship Him and share His Word.

6. Our Father in Heaven, we thank you for the provisions of democracy in our Constitution and the responsibility you have given to us, that within the framework of Constitution our legislators as our chosen representatives can make laws.

Father in Heaven, please forgive us for the corruption, crony capitalism in making of laws to suit individual interests or benefiting few (Isa 10: 1-3). We repent for the sins of our generation and the ones before us for not taking right stands when laws were enacted that violated the laws of God (Daniel 9:3-19).

We pray that the citizens and lawmakers of our country become enlightened, and that they may have a deep-rooted conviction concerning the original intent of our Constitution and our great godly heritage.

We pray for Your presence in Parliament, state assemblies and other law-making legislative bodies.

We pray for Your divine wisdom to make decisions that will strengthen and prosper our Nation.

We pray that they will be motivated by You and not by ill motivated

corrupt concerns or for personal gain, so that they make right decisions concerning the politics, security, the social welfare, and the economics of our country.

We pray that as representatives of the people, as elders in society and in the nation, our legislators will be filled with the Holy Spirit and present themselves in dignity, honor, filled in godly values, deliberating and discussing matters of the Nation, without waste of time, based on Your values to please You. May our elected representatives be role models to impact those who are electing them.

We pray for purposeful functioning in Parliament and assemblies based on godly values. We pray for wisdom to speakers and chairpersons to modulate the proceedings in Your way and authority.

We pray for just laws in our Nation according to Your Word so that India may please You. You are Lord of our Nation (Ps 33: 12). In Jesus Name we pray, amen.

Prayer No. 13: Prayer for the Judiciary Pillar

This prayer is for the Judiciary system as a pillar of the Constitution. For the prevention of misinterpretation of laws and proceedings against the Laws of God. For courts, judges, lawyers, legal officials and staff in the courts. For respect and confidence in the Judiciary in all the nation.

7. Heavenly Father, your Kingdom is established on justice and righteousness (Isa 9:7).

Justice and judgment *are* the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth shall go before Your face (Psa 89:14).

We thank You for giving us a strong Judiciary Pillar to ensure that in our country, the law applies equally to everyone. We thank You for the Supreme Court, high courts, and all the other courts.

We pray that Judiciary may protect and apply the Constitution and itself work in the spirit of our Constitution. We cherish the godly values in our Constitution.

Let no unjust law be made or applied.

We pray that judges may have Your love, truth, and fear of God according to Exodus 18:21.

We pray that they may gain wisdom and understanding of justice and

they may think clearly and in agreement with the Word and Spirit of Truth in all the matters that are brought before them for decisions.

We pray for all lawyers that they may work towards justice and interpret law in Your love and fear.

We pray for all employees in courts that they may work honestly and contribute to strong, efficient and honest judicial system.

We pray that evil and corruption in the courts at all levels may be exposed and uprooted.

Our courts, and judiciary need your intervention with increased appointments of judges so that there will not be long delays in bringing justice. May court premises are well maintained and secure.

We pray that this cover of prayer be extended over the judiciary in every state, and that respect, fear and confidence for strong Judiciary be restored in our nation.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer No. 14: Prayer for the Executive Pillar (Political)

This prayer is for the elected political government who are the political Executive Pillar. They are the senior amongst the executives who execute the Law and uphold the Constitution by implementing its provisions and laws made within its framework.

8. We thank you for our elected political executives and pray for them in accordance with Daniel 2:21. May they honor, value, safeguard and obey the Constitution of India. May they uphold the Constitution in their execution of Law.

We pray that they may conduct the affairs of the government with wisdom, bravery, true justice and in honesty and integrity. Please grant all of our national, state, and local leaders the gifts of wisdom, justice, counsel, and fortitude, that they may conduct the affairs of the people in accordance with the will of God.

We pray that our elected officials may govern with love and humility, and that they might emulate you Lord Jesus in servant leadership.

As the citizens of this country and as your children, may we

understand our responsibility to participate in the governance of our nation by exercising our duties as citizens and by praying for the government. (1Tim 2: 1-2; Proverbs 16:13).

We disapprove of all corruption, injustice and we pray for the revealing and uprooting of all deep rooted deceit, corruption and crony capitalism in governance. We seek forgiveness, and repent of all bad governance.

We pray that our government respect and feel responsible for human life, for our environment, for our long-term future as a society, for our neighboring countries, and for the world community. May we be a responsible nation and community in the world and glorify your Holy Name. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen

Prayer No. 15: Prayer for Executive Pillar (Bureaucracy or Civil Servants at All India, Central and State Level)

This prayer is for the 64 lakh civil servants in the government who are the bureaucratic Executive Pillar. They execute the law and uphold the Constitution by implementing its provisions and laws made within its framework and work under political officials.

9. Father in Heaven, we thank you for the well-organized administration you have given to our Nation who has sustained the Nation through the administrative procedures. You are God of order, not confusion (1Cor 14:33). We thank you for the orderliness and procedures in the Governance.

We pray for all the 64 lakh civil servants of all India Civil Services, Central Services and State Civil Services who are responsible for all administrative procedures and implementation of the Laws in the Nation.

Father, they are crucial to implement government schemes and the social transformation can only be delivered by the public authority. We need these civil servants to deliver education, health and land reform so that people can progress. So Lord, please make them efficient, well trained and motivated. We pray for more of them where they are needed.

We pray that they discharge their functions by maintaining integrity, patriotism, National pride, devotion to duty, honesty, impartiality and transparency and with , allegiance to the Constitution and the Law of the Nation.

We pray that they would continue to maintain values and their code of conduct:

- To discharge official duty with responsibility, honesty, accountability and without discrimination.
- To ensure effective management, leadership development and personal growth.
- To avoid misuse of official position or information.
- To serve as instruments of good governance and foster social and economic development.

We pray that We as citizens may respect and honor them and give our dues and that no one may look down upon them being Government Servants as Your Word says that You have appointed them (Rom 13:1-6).

We pray for humility, Love of God and model of Servant Leadership in them as you have shown.

We seek forgiveness for and pray that all hidden deceit, corruption, malpractices and dishonesty be exposed and uprooted from all groups of civil servants in our Nation. Let the fear of God be upon them. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer No. 16: Prayer for the Armed Forces

This is the Prayer for the all ranks of Indian Armed Forces who are responsible to guard the Nation of India both from external and internal acts of aggression. They are India's promise to all aggressors both externally and internally that we will protect ourselves from all evil designs. The men and women who are serving in the Army need prayer as they guard our Constitution and the integrity of our Nation.

10. Almighty God, we thank you for our Armed Forces who over the years with selfless service, with your help, have protected our Nation from external and internal enemies and provided much needed help in times of natural or man-made disasters during peace time. We thank You that

they have been based on and have displayed Godly values in their conduct.

We pray for their protection and good health and that they may be blessed by you.

In these times of degradation of character and values in all spheres of society and the nation, we pray that the Indian Armed Forces may be a beacon of light by continuing to maintain high levels of motivation, discipline, unity, and fearless offensive spirit against the threats to the Nation both externally and from within (Exodus 23:2). May our Armed Forces maintain high standards and have long term development of right leadership who value character and professionalism as soldiers. (1 Sam 16:7 and Pro 11:20).

Father, we pray that across the Indian Armed Forces, they will follow Your example of servant leadership (Mk 10: 43 -44). We pray for Your love to be deeply rooted in them and that the good relationships between officers and men that has been the backbone of our Armed Forces be maintained.

We pray against all forms of anti-establishment thoughts and rebellion against authority at all levels.

We pray for all ranks to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to them for use, care and protection with responsibility.

We pray that in areas of insurgency like Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, and Assam, our Armed Forces will have discernment and wisdom. We pray that they will act with required force with deep rooted discipline and professionalism, and also in love for the people so that they may win the hearts of the locals. May they overcome difficult situations existing there without loss of life.

We pray for political leadership and civil services to help the Armed Forces maintain preparedness and support and look after them in all the ways and by honoring their apolitical nature.

We pray for the Indian Armed Forces to become stronger to keep our national integrity intact.

We pray for ex-servicemen who have served their period, that they may not be forgotten and their due is given to them in the righteousness.

We pray for their children and families as they endure separation and hardship for the sake of the nation and for those who are bereaved by the loss of their loved ones in safeguarding our country.

Prayer No. 17: Prayer for the Election Commission and Forthcoming Elections

This prayer is for the Election Commission which is very important Constitutional Statutory Authority, for the conduct of free and fair elections election which are the foundations of our Democracy. They safeguard and implement very important elements of Constitution of India and the national integrity.

We also need to pray for forthcoming election and for intervention of our Father in Heaven.

11. Prayer for Election Commission

Father, we thank you for the Election Commission of India who are responsible for conduct, supervision, direction and full control of the entire process.

We pray for all the 3 Election Commissioners and their staff of 300 officers in Delhi Central Office, State Chief Electoral Officers and their staff at State Level, and at the district and constituency levels; for the District Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and Returning Officers with their staff.

We pray for this gigantic task force of 50 Lakh polling personnel and civil police forces for conducting the general election in our nation, which is the largest democracy in the world. Father, we thank you for these detailed procedures and the electoral machinery.

We pray that in your Holy Fear, they may diligently work with integrity and prevent all malpractices that plague the elections and that they may work impartially and not allow any cheating, booth capturing, vote tampering and fraudulence in the elections.

We pray for stronger and just systems and procedures so that the wicked and deceivers cannot take advantage.

12. Prayer for Forthcoming Elections

We pray for forthcoming elections to be absolutely free and fair.

We pray that we as fellow citizens responsible for the Nation, may choose the right candidates and parties with values and visionary leadership according to Your will. We need such people to be elected who have Your values and character and a long term perspective, rather than people and parties with wrong motives, short term thinking and personal motivation. We pray for people with wisdom, insight and integrity to build a nation on your Truths. Give us the power to reject those who are against You and Your values..

We pray that during elections, campaigns may be conducted remain in the right spirit in Your Love and fear. without personal assault, character assassination or blaming each other, but by clearly formulating progressive, safe and visionary manifestos that ensures peace and prosperity for all the people. We pray for wisdom and your intervention in all these Lord.

Please save our Nation from the wicked, divisive and ill motivated leaders. We pray that they may never come in power. (Psalm 140:8; Ps 17: 10 and 13). In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer No. 18: Prayer for Political Parties

We need to pray for our political parties as they are the groups that influence the direction of our Nation. With responsibility and fear of God, political parties can lead our nation in path of progress within the framework of the Constitution. Or they can manipulate us to come to power and work for their own interest and destroy the values of God in the Constitution and eventually destroy our Nation.

13. Father we thank you for the democracy and the opportunity you have given us the free will to choose from so many political parties who are formed on various ideologies, individual personalities, castes, races and religion May they be governed by the principles of representing and protecting people (Deuteronomy 30:19).

We pray for each one of them to be in Your Fear. We pray for the party Presidents, office bearers, their party constitutions and poll manifestos. We pray that they would uphold the Constitution, peaceful coexistence, unity in diversity and the Integrity of India and may not deceive our Nation, as Your Word says in Romans 16:17- 18.

We pray for the work of these parties, organizations and background of each of these political parties.

We pray that Your values and character may become the guiding principles. We pray that they be guided by You and that they may aim to serve rather than only have quest for control and power. We pray that all of them will safeguard the Constitution of our Nation and ensure that all people benefit from its provisions. They may be truthful in representation of facts and realities of the people they represent.

We pray that they may be vigilant and creative and constructive in opposition to the ruling party so that rather than creating confusion and obstruction they would steer the Nation positively by assertion and facts. Please bless the ruling as well as the opposition parties.

You have asked us to be careful, so we pray according to Your Word that they all may be sifted and that they do not mislead our people and the Nation.

Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits (Matthew 7:15-20).

We pray for visionary, wise, good and responsible people to join politics so that it may result in the formation of good political parties

Lord God, You be in control of our Nation.

Prayer No. 19: Prayer for Print and Electronic Media

We need to pray for both the electronic and print media which is considered to be the fourth pillar of the Constitution. Media has a very important role in maintaining the integrity of our Nation upholding the Constitution of India.

14. Dear Lord, we thank You for independent print and electronic media, which can serve as an information bridge between the legislature, government, judiciary and the people of the Nation. They inform us of things happening across the world and their impact. We acknowledge that what we see, hear and read from the media impacts our thoughts.

So, Lord, we pray for the Media.

We pray for accuracy and integrity in reporting what is happening. We pray that media is responsible in truthful representation of facts knowing the consequences. So Lord we pray that all those engaged in Media may have insight from You. May they never manipulate, misuse or provide disinformation as information can be used and misused. (Zech 8: 16). We pray for all the news anchors, reporters, editors to be guided in Your fear and love.

We pray for those business houses and hidden people who have controlled and manipulated media for their gains for so long. All such hidden motives may be revealed and made known. As You commanded in Gen 1:3 we pray, “Let there be Light over the darkness” surrounding the media so Your light and Your truth are revealed.

In accordance with Your Word in Jude 3, we pray against the negative impact of media on the character of our people that threaten values in our society and nationhood. We pray that the public’s demand for righteousness in what should or should not be depicted may grow (Matthew 5:6).

Thank you for freedom of expression in our Nation. We pray that, instead of sensationalizing evil and the media as a selling tool, there be celebration of godly values and reflections of responsible society and nation in the media in a nation building role. May the media develop a responsible code of conduct. We pray for PTI and similar structure of electronic media that may come up. We pray for Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to facilitate regulating the media to regulating the media with concern for the Nation in Your fear.

Father, we pray that in our Nation, the media may play a responsible role in shaping a healthy democracy and safeguarding the Constitution of India.

We pray also for the social media which greatly provide instant news, personal opinions, and often thoughtless provocations that influence or inflame the public. There is no control over the social media. We pray that all that are harmful, divisive, misleading, and pornographic sites be brought under control so that our children and youths will not fall a prey to their manipulations.

Prayer No. 20: Prayer for the Church In India

Church in India has played a major role in nation building over the history in India. We as the Body of Christ have a role ordained by God to pray for the Constitution of India and national integrity.

15. Dear Lord, we thank you for the Church in India. You have put Your presence in this Nation for a purpose -- to bless this Nation. We as the Body of Christ repent that we did not pray enough for our Nation with a burden and with Your Spirit of intercession.

We thank You for the move of Your Holy Spirit across the nation over the Body of Christ and for awakening our desire to intercede and pray for our Nation.

We pray that each member in the Body of Christ may be impacted with the burden and awareness that we have to stand in the gap and pray (Eze 22:30).

May we keep watch over the Nation and be its moral compass (Isa 62:6 and Eze 3: 17).

Father, forgive us not using the many opportunities you have given us through diverse ministries. We pray that the Church while keeping watch may lead this Nation in Your righteousness (Jer 31:6).

We pray that all churches may be in unity to build this Nation through prayer and action and with our neighbors in accordance with Your Word (Jer 1:10).

We pray for our church leaders to lead the Church with vision, commitment, and in integrity, and in Your fear to fulfill the role of the Church in this Nation. (Jer 29:7).

Father, we pray that in accordance with your promise given in Genesis 12:3, we as the Church become a blessing to our Nation India. So help us, God, to fervently and purposefully pray for our Nation and the Constitution.

Second Point: Ten Prayers for Issues Facing India

16. We will pray for following 10 issues or problem areas: -

(a) **Prayer No. 21.** National Reconciliation

- (b) **Prayer No. 22.** Righteousness
- (c) **Prayer No. 23.** All People and Communities (Religious and Castes)
- (d) **Prayer No. 24.** Social and Economic Justice.
- (e) **Prayer No. 25.** Respect for Those in Authority
- (f) **Prayer No. 26.** Economic Stability (Corporate and Private Sector, RBI, Banks, Finance Ministry Trade, Exports and Imports)
- (g) **Prayer No. 27.** Women, Youth and Children
- (h) **Prayer No. 28.** Political Stability
- (i) **Prayer No. 29.** Family and Relationships
- (j) **Prayer No. 30.** Poor, Sick, and Differently Abled People

Prayer No. 21: Prayer for National Reconciliation

In accordance with 2 Cor 5:18, we as a Church will pray to God to forgive us as a Nation (Pro 14:34) and as communities. We will be reconciled to God our Father and to one another in unity. We have sinned against our Father in Heaven and against one another.

- 17.** Father, we come before you just as we are as a Nation. Your Word in Isaiah 59:2 says, “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” We repent for we have sinned as a Nation and as individuals. **We pray Father please forgive us for the following: -**

1. Injustice. **2.** Corruption. **3.** Atrocities committed against the weak, the marginalized, and one another. **4.** Violence, oppression and crimes against women and children. **5.** Ignorance of the Living God. **6.** Evil done by us in our history. **7.** Our society’s inequalities of status and opportunity. **8.** Hatred towards each other, favoritism, partisan attitudes, caste and class practices and evil motives. **9.** Sins committed individually against God. **10.** Wrongs done against other nations by our nation. **11.** Calling evil good, and good evil. (Isa. 5:20) **12.** Taking our ways and not Your way (Rom 3:23, Isa 53:6).

Since we are citizens of this land, we recognize the wrongdoing all around us. We repent and are grieved by the sin around us (Eze 22: 30,

Eze 9: 3-6, 2 Cor 5:18). We seek Your face, God, for ourselves and on behalf of our nation. We seek Your compassion, mercy and grace.

We pray for unity with You and with one another. May we as a Nation and a people be reconciled with You and each other in Your Love.

Prayer No. 22: Prayer for Righteousness

Righteousness exalts a nation (Pro 14:34) We want to seek and pursue righteousness (Mt 5: 6 and Isa 3: 10, so that as a Nation, we will pray for Righteousness.

18. Father, Your Word in Proverbs 15:9 says, “The LORD detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue righteousness”. We as a Nation pray for Your righteousness. We want to be right before you and right before the people of this world.

Our paths are before You. Whatever is not right before You, please correct us and lead us in paths of Your Righteousness.

Prayer No. 23: Prayer for All People and Communities (Religion, Ethnicity and Caste)

19. Our Father in Heaven, in Your love, You have given us a diverse heritage. We have people of different backgrounds, languages, and cultures who are all joined together to be a family as a nation, India.

Lord Jesus, You have taught us to love and respect one another. We pray that our differences may not bring in domination, prejudices, arrogance and pride that we may love, understand and respect each other in You Father. Increase our sympathy, tolerance and goodwill for one another amongst us. Help us to appreciate each other’s gifting and abilities and that we may see in all people our brothers and sisters the image of God, for whom Christ died and rose again.

Save us from jealousy, hatred, intolerance, and fear and help us to live together as members of this family India who live in freedom and demonstrate unity in diversity and non-violent lifestyle as children of God. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Prayer No. 24: Prayer for Social and Economic Justice

20. Father, we repent for the social and economic injustices in our Nation. We have had social inequalities for hundreds of years, for which we seek your forgiveness. We have regional and social bias in administration and sharing of resources. We seek forgiveness for all kinds of economic injustices that results in divisions and agitations in society.
- We pray all may have equal status and opportunities. Gal (3:28)
- You love righteousness and justice (Ps 33:5). We pray for those who have been victimized. Let your love surround our brothers and sisters in a special way. Father, may we participate in doing everything for them within our capacities and for praying for such brothers and sisters.
- We know Father that our prayers backed by our good deeds have the power to break barriers and usher the nation into real socio-economic development and environmental protection and promotion. As Your people help us to participate in prayer and actions that support nation building activities.
- We pray that our national policies and leaders may be led in to bringing in social and economic justice in Your love and fear without any other motivation. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen

Prayer No. 25: Prayer for Respect for Those in Authority

21. Father, as given in 1 Tim 2:1-3, we pray for all who are in authority. We are specially praying for change in our heart and in the heart of our Nation that we may become respecters of Authority. In doing so, we would be acting on Your command to pray for them.
- May we become obedient to all law and authority in our Nation and to You.
- May we learn the discipline and orderliness to obey rules to stand in queues.
- May we drive in lanes and obey all the traffic rules. May we obey rules

of construction, taxation, rules and etiquettes to live with honesty, integrity and amiability in society.

May we observe orderliness, respect and stewardship in the utilization of community facilities and voluntarily keep things, our streets, and our environment clean.

We pray for compliance with all tax laws, patent and copy right laws.

We pray for respect for government at all levels and against abusing anyone in authority. We pray against all anti-establishment thoughts and talk that are contrary to the wellbeing of the nation (Eph 5:4).

We pray that those in authority would not lord it over us but would be wise enough to serve us as You have commanded. May we serve in mutual cooperation. When we have grievances, may we bring them in prayer to You and take positive measures (Eph 6: 6-8).

We pray for discipline and obedience in schools and in the workplace.

Father, You desire obedience and have given Your Word in Romans 13:1-6. We pray for the caring and loving authority of parents in the households in the same Spirit. (Eph 6:2)

Lord, we pray that our Nation may respect Your authority and the authority established by You for our safety and prosperity. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer No. 26: Prayer for Economic Stability (Corporate and Private Sector, RBI, Banks, Finance Ministry, and Trade)

22. Father we pray for the economic stability of our national economy. Our nation may have a constant economic growth and stable inflation. We ask this economic blessing for our nation according to 2Chro 7:14. We seek Your Face and ask for forgiveness as per Your Promise. We look towards You to restore us and heal our Land. The production in farms and factories is based on Your Healing of our land. Without Your restoration and healing the land we cannot be blessed with the economic stability. May our Nation not only be known as a big market but also a producer; and be able to feed and look after the needs of other nations.

We pray for Reserve Bank of India, all nationalized banks, Ministries of

Finance, Commerce, Agriculture, Industry, Human Resource Development, Small and Medium Enterprises and Ministry of Labor; FICCI and other institutions regulating industry and agriculture. May they all work in Your Fear and Wisdom to facilitate the economic stability of our Nation.

Prayer No. 27: Prayer for Women, Youth and Children

23. Prayer for Women

Father, we come before Your presence seeking forgiveness for we have sinned against You. In our nation, we have discriminated against women. We seek forgiveness for the over 5 lakh female fetuses who are killed annually and for female infanticides. Now we have a low male to female ratio around about 800 females for every 1,000 males. Women are being have been tortured or killed for dowry. We seek Your forgiveness for rapes, acid throwing, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and physical and psychological violence against women. We pray that as Indians we may treat our women with dignity, respect, love and equality. May our women be blessed by You.

As given in Eze 9: 3 -6, we do not approve of it and grieve and lament for this. Please forgive our land. Our girl children have not been given equal opportunities to study and are ill-treated. We pray for all female babies and welcome them. We love our girl children.

We thank you for all the schemes which our Governments have enacted for the care, protection and promotion of girl children and women. We pray for changes in the way women are portrayed in entertainment media, advertisements and society and family life in general. Lord, may Your fear be upon our land. As Your Church, may we treat the women of our Nation with love, respect and appreciation. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

24. Prayer for Youth and Children

Father, we pray for our youth and children who have not been given due care. They are the wealth, hope and future of our nation. They are one third of the population and could change be change makers in a positive way, when they are entrusted with responsibilities, given awareness and opportunities. But we have not loved them nor encouraged them enough to have visions and the opportunities to

study, freedom to learn and develop their Character. We have not allowed them to develop their special gifts or have provided them with opportunity and equipment to develop them with responsibility for which we seek forgiveness.

We pray for better education and health care for them. We pray that our education system may not just look to provide knowledge and skill, but also build their character, responsibility, and values in You. We pray that they will know and seek You (Eccle 12: 1).

We seek forgiveness for all the child labor, abduction of children for wrongful and dangerous purposes like begging, thieving, for organ harvesting or sex trade and request you that as a country we may be able to eradicate every form of threats to their safety and security.

Father, we pray for protection of our youth and children from ill effects of internet and pornography. We pray for their protection from drugs, sexual abuse, alcoholism, human trafficking and exploitation.

We pray for increase in centers for higher education, easily affordable schools, colleges, medical, engineering, agricultural, management and technical colleges. We pray for avenues of employment for our youth. Father, we pray for our government, political parties, institutional heads to take responsibility to take corrective actions and give top priority for a long term effect.

Father, empower us as a nation, that we may protect our children and youth. We surround them in Your precious blood and love. Lord, let them know You and grow in Your knowledge and truth. Let our youth and children be blessed.

Prayer No. 28: Prayer for Political Stability

25. Lord, we pray and thank you for democracy and a multiparty political system. Your Word in Luke 11:9 says, "And I say to you, Ask and it shall be given you. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened to you." We pray that we may have political stability in our governments at central and state levels. We request for maturity and sense of responsibility in our political parties and leaders. May they not hold the Nation and a population of 134 crores to ransom due to unstable alliances and governments, without any thought and answerability to the people. Your Word (Luke 11:17) says, "Every kingdom divided against

itself is brought to desolation. And a house divided against a house falls”.

Father, we pray for political stability in our nation and visionary leadership so that we may have peace, prosperity and security.

Prayer No. 29: Prayer for Social Issues (Families and Relationships)

26. Father, we pray for communities, strong families and strong relationships in our Nation. We acknowledge that our sins have weakened the bond with you and with one another. In Your Wisdom we know that Families are the building blocks of the Society, the community, the Church and the Nation. Please give us power to defeat all attempts of satanic and evil forces destroy our families, communities and society.

As we acknowledge our sins today and seek forgiveness from You, we pray that our families be protected from every evil influence and to be a place of safety and security. As Nehemiah built the walls of Jerusalem, so Lord, we pray that we may build walls of prayer and faith around our families. We together in one accord do it now by lifting up the institution of family in our Nation. We pray for all the families across the Nation, be it from any community and background. Lord, we pray for love and respect at home. We pray that strength and love in families in Your Love may grow more and more. May there be fear of God and love in the families so that there is joy, mutuality, sharing and strong relationship so that we as a-Nation will honor and respect You, acknowledge You and glorify you, Lord Jesus.

Father, we especially pray for those who are facing challenges in relationships and broken homes. We come against all such powers of darkness in Jesus' Name and protect our families. Lord, we pray that Your Church may rise up in prayer to protect families and promote loving and caring relationships.

May you be pleased with our Prayers and grant us Your favor in Jesus Name. Amen.

Prayer No. 30: Prayer for Poor, Sick, and Differently Abled People

27. "For He will deliver the needy when he cries, the poor also, and him who has no helper. He will spare the poor and needy and will save the souls of the needy." - Psalm 72: 12-13

Father God, we stand on Your promise that You will deliver the needy and the poor. Please help us, Lord, as we strive to help the suffering poor, sick, and differently abled and those who are marginalised in various ways. We acknowledge that without Your mercy and grace, we are nothing and can do nothing. Hear us, O God; hear the cries of the poor; make haste and answer the prayers of Your children. Father, we pray for spirit of generosity in Church according to Your Word. May we as the Church in this Nation give generously and help the needy in accordance with Your Word in Deuteronomy 15:7-8.

We pray for the healing of the sick. We pray for the poor and differently abled people. We pray for justice for those who have been wronged and oppressed. Lord, help and lead us to pray and help them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Where I have sent YOU ...PRAY TO THE LORD
On ITS behalf, FOR IN ITS welfare YOU WILL find YOUR welfare.

Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV)

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