

# A Prayer Concerning the United States Government Shutdown

Sovereign Father, we thank You for Your grace and mercy towards the United States of America. Thank You for helping those families, businesses and industries who were negatively affected by our government shutdown. Thank You for hearing the cries of Your people as we pray to You on behalf of this nation and our leaders. Thank You for holding the hearts of President Donald Trump and our Congressional leaders in Your hand. We know that it is nobody but You who is sustaining the lives of those government employees who are impacted by this shutdown. Lord, remember Your promises to us; they are our only hope. Your promises revive us and comfort us in all our troubles. The proud hold us in utter contempt, but we do not turn away from Your instructions. We meditate on Your age-old regulations; O Lord, they comfort us! We reflect at night on who You are, O Lord; therefore, we obey Your instructions. This is how we will spend our lives, obeying Your commandments!

Righteous Father, Your Word declares that a kingdom divided against itself will be brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. Therefore, by faith, we declare that President Trump and our congressional leaders will reach a solution to border security and “the wall” as they will lay down their party politics to work for the best solution for the American people. We cancel the spiritual assignments of pride, stubbornness, arrogance and misguided strategies that are operating within our political leaders to cause strife and confusion! Lord, Your Word instructs that pride goes before destruction and haughtiness before a fall, so we declare that they will all lay their egos and pride aside and work for the best interest of the American citizens. We confess that justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream for the government workers who are without paychecks!

Holy Spirit, help our government leaders solidify a permanent solution to the shutdown instead of endless blame games. Please honor our praying and penetrate the darkness that looms in the hearts of those who are resistant for partisan reasons. Calm the fears of government workers and the American public. Help us, as a nation, to reconnect to You, the Living God, as our source and supply!

Loving Father, we repent on behalf of our nation for our many sins. Forgive our nation’s leaders for shutting the government down which has caused over 800,000 workers not to receive paychecks. Forgive us as the Body of Christ for not always staying alert and aware of the conditions affecting our nation. Father, please have mercy on our nation! Forgive our government leaders for allowing their stubbornness, indecisiveness and division to cast a shadow of fear and hopelessness upon the American public. Holy Spirit, remind our government leaders of those they need to forgive and help them to forgive.

Holy Father, help our government leaders not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Magnificent Lord, there is none like You. You are great, and Your Name is full of power. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? That title belongs to You alone! Among all the wise people of the earth and in all the kingdoms of the world, there is no one like You. You are the King of glory. You are the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. You are worthy, Lord our God, to receive glory, honor and power. You created all things, and they exist because You created what You pleased. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 34:17, Mark 3:24-25, Proverbs 16:18, Amos 5:24, Matthew 6:13, Jeremiah 10:6-7, Psalm 24:10, Revelation 4:11

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