

**Prayer Topic #17:**

**A Prayer for Unity and Prosperity in the Houston Metropolitan Area**

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 105:1-10, Psalm 133

**Reflections of the Heart:**

Let those who favor my righteous cause and have pleasure in my uprightness shout for joy and be glad and say continually, let the Lord be magnified in our city. He has pleasure in the prosperity of His people! *Psalm 35:27*

**Scriptural Prayer:**

Omniscient Father, we thank You for the Houston Metropolitan Area. Thank You for our city officials, first responders, public works employees and everyone who helps with the day-to-day operation of this city. Thank You for the citizens of this great city. You are great and greatly to be praised. You are to be feared above all gods. The earth is Yours and everything in it; the world and all its people belong to You. You laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. Lord, Your works are wonderful. You are our hope and shield. In You, do our hearts rejoice because we trust in Your holy Name. Let Your unfailing love continue to surround us, Lord, for our hope is in You alone.

Redeeming Father, let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in the Houston Metropolitan Area as it is in heaven. We declare that as the people of God, we love You with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength and we love our neighbors as ourselves. As citizens of this great city, we declare that we do not see Jew or Gentile, male or female, black or white. But, as Your children, we have all put on Christ, like putting on new clothes and we walk in unity and love with one another. It is because of this love that we exhibit for each other that people know that we are Your disciples. Your Word tells us that if we love You, we must also love our brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore, we declare by faith that the Body of Christ in the Houston Metropolitan Area does not stand and declare our love for You with hate in our hearts for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do not look out only for our own interests, but we take an interest in the needs of others. We live in harmony with each other and resist racial, social, and economic division. We are of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

***Think of some specific needs in the Houston Metropolitan Area. Ask the Holy Spirit to use you as an agent of change and take action:***

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Holy Spirit, please continue to draw the unsaved people in our city to the glory of the Father, so that they will confess Jesus Christ and receive Him as their Savior and Lord. Mobilize and send us and other believers into our communities to share the Gospel, causing Your power to prevail throughout the Houston Metropolitan Area. Holy Spirit, please unify our communities and help us all to stand for justice and righteousness. We ask that Your Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, and power rest upon each political, civic, religious and business leader, investor, and entrepreneur. Fill them with the knowledge of Your will and give them a thirst for Your Word so that they will walk in Your ways for practicing business. Help them to make righteous decisions and operate with honesty and integrity. Lord, please bless the Houston Metropolitan Area to be a beacon of light and hope for our nation.

Righteous Father, forgive us for any acts of sinfulness, including strife, discord, jealousy, rivalries, violence, theft, injustice, hatred, oppression, greed, idolatry, pride, slander, racism, sexism, ageism, laziness, apathy, and any abuse of power. Forgive those people in the Houston Metropolitan Area who do not trust in You. Forgive those of us who are Christians for not sharing Your Gospel with our neighbors. Father, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help us all to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Almighty Lord, You are the blessed and Sovereign One. The King of kings, and the Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in an unapproachable light, whom no man can see. Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 96:4, Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 33:20-22, Matthew 6:10, Mark 12:30-31, Galatians 3:27-28, John 13:35, I John 4:20-21, Philippians 2:4, I Corinthians 1:10, Psalm 34:14, Psalm 56:3, Matthew 6:13, I Timothy 6:15-16

***Today, I will trust God to:***

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