

Prayer Topic #13:

A Prayer for the Houston Metropolitan Area

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 105:1-10, Psalm 127

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.

Lord God our Shepherd, let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in the Houston Metropolitan Area as it is in heaven. As citizens of this great city, 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 will walk in unity and love with one another. It is because of this love that we exhibit for each other that people will 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 Houston, Texas will no longer stand and declare our love for You with hate in our hearts for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We will not look out only for our own interests, but we take an interest in the needs of others. We will live in harmony with each other and resist racial, social, and economic division. We will be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. We declare that the people in our communities will turn away from evil, and do good; they will search for peace and work to maintain it.

Holy Spirit, remove the scales from the eyes of the unsaved people in our city and draw them 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 our city. Holy Spirit, please help the residents of this city to stand for justice and righteousness. Lord, please help the leaders of our city. We ask that Your Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, and power rest upon each political, civic, religious and business leader, investor, and entrepreneur in our city. 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. Holy Spirit, synchronize the hearts of every believer in our city and unify our spirits to receive and submit to Your vision for our city. Holy Spirit, bless the Houston Metropolitan Area to be a beacon of light and hope for the nation.

Think of some specific needs in our city. Ask the Holy Spirit to use you as an agent of change and take action:

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 our city who do not trust in You. Forgive those of us who are Christians for not sharing Your Gospel with our neighbors. Father, please have mercy on our city. Father, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind us 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 not to yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Immortal Lord, who can be compared with You? You are enthroned on high. You stoop to look down on heaven and on earth. Your strong right arm is raised in triumph. Your strong arm has done glorious things! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 96:4, Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 33:20-22, Psalm 23:1, Matthew 6:10, Galatians 3:27-28, John 13:35, I John 4:20-21, Philippians 2:4, I Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 2:2, Psalm 34:14, Acts 9:18, Romans 10:9, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 113:5-6, Psalm 118:16

Today, I will trust God to:
