

Scriptures for the Nations

This is only a sampling of Scriptures that you can use to pray concerning the nation for which you have committed to pray. These will simply help you get started. The Holy Spirit will lead you in which Scriptures to use each time you pray, and about which "topics" to pray each time, as well. He knows just what is needed each time you pray (Romans 8:26-27).

God's heart for the nations and our prayers:

- Revelation 7:9-10 NIV ⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."
- Psalms 67 NIV ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, Selah ² that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. ³ May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Selah ⁵ May the peoples praise you, O God ⁶ Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. ⁷ God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.
- Jeremiah 1:9-10 NIV ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Prayer specifically for the nation of your commitment (put the nation's name in verses when praying):

- Proverbs 14:34 NIV ⁴ Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.
- Psalms 33:12 NIV ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.
- Psalms 2:8 NIV ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
- Genesis 12:3 NIV ³ I will bless those who bless you (Israel), and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you (Israel)."

For the body of Christ already in that nation:

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV ¹⁴ 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Unity in the body:

- Romans 15:5-6 NIV ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Ephesians 4:3-6 NIV ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit- just as you were called to one hope when you were called- ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Believers to walk in righteousness and by the Spirit:

- Psalms 34:15, 17 NIV ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; ¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.
- Romans 8:5 NIV ⁵ Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Believers to shine forth the Light:

- Matthew 5:14-16 NIV ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Believers to remain in Truth:

- Acts 20:28-31 NIV ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

Believers to walk in His Love:

- John 15:12-14 NIV ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

Praying for those in authority in the nation:

- 1 Timothy 2:1-4 NIV ¹ I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone- ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Wisdom:

- James 1:5 NIV ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

Strength:

- Ephesians 6:10 NIV ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
- Nehemiah 8:10 NIV ¹⁰ . . . for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Protection and safety:

- 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3 NIV ² And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

Discernment:

- 1 Kings 3:9 NIV ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?

Peace:

- Ephesians 4:3 NIV ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Right people in leadership

- Psalms 75:7 NIV ⁷ But it is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.
- Proverbs 16:12 NIV ¹² Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne is established through righteousness.
- Romans 13:1 NIV ¹ Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Economy of the nation:

- Proverbs 8:18, 20-21 NIV ¹⁸ With me (Wisdom) are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. ²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, ²¹ bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.
- Jeremiah 29:7 NIV ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

For Missionaries:

To be raised up:

- Romans 10:13-15 NIV ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
- Matthew 9:37-38 NIV ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

To be strengthened in all ways:

- Hebrews 10:19-25 NIV ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NIV ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

For protection:

- Isaiah 54:17 NIV ¹⁷ no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.
- John 6:57 NIV ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.
- Rom 8:31 NIV ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?
- Ps 118:6 NIV ⁶ The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

For provision of all resources:

- Hebrews 13:20-21 NIV ²⁰ May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- Philippians 4:19 NIV ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To have success in what God calls them to:

- 2 Thessalonians 3:1 NIV ¹ Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

- Ephesians 6:19 AMP ¹⁹ And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel),

For salvation for the lost in that nation:

- 1 Peter 3:18 NIV ¹⁸ For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,
- 2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV ² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.
- John 17:20-21 NIV ²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.