

# A21 Prayer List

## **Verses to pray for victims' strength and salvation:**

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me." -Psalm 138:7

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." -Isaiah 40:29

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." -Luke 19:10

## **Verses to pray for victims' protection, freedom, and justice:**

"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." -Psalm 82:4

"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed." -Psalm 103:6

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free," -Psalm 146:7

## **Verses to pray for victims' hope and healing:**

"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him." -Psalm 40:1-3

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,' declares the Lord, 'because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares.'" -Jeremiah 30:17

"So there is hope for your descendants,' declares the Lord. 'Your children will return to their own land.'" -Jeremiah 31:17

## **Verses to pray for the traffickers' conviction, repentance, and salvation:**

"Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon." -Isaiah 55:7

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." -Romans 5:6-8

"Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth," -2 Timothy 2:25

## **Verses to pray for criminal networks to dismantle:**

"Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure—you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts." -Psalm 7:9

"for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous." -Psalm 37:17

"But the wicked will perish: Though the Lord's enemies are like the flowers of the field, they will be consumed, they will go up in smoke." -Psalm 37:20

## **Verses to pray for the oppressors to be arrested and prosecuted:**

“Let the Moabite fugitives stay with you; be their shelter from the destroyer.’ The oppressor will come to an end, and destruction will cease; the aggressor will vanish from the land.” –Isaiah 16:4

“This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.” –Jeremiah 22:3

“Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts.” –Amos 5:15a

### **Verses to pray for corruption to cease in governments:**

“Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent.” –Deuteronomy 16:19

“For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.” –Amos 5:12

“These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts” –Zechariah 8:16

### **Verses to pray for implementation of just legislation:**

“By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just” –Proverbs 8:15

“By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down.” –Proverbs 29:4

“You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right, and decrees and commands that are good.” –Nehemiah 9:13

### **Verses to pray for discernment in forming alliances:**

“I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.” -1 Kings 3:12

“My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion” –Proverbs 3:21

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” –Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

### **Verses to pray against poverty:**

“It is a sin to despise one’s neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.” –Proverbs 14:21

“Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?” –Isaiah 58:7

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.” –Isaiah 61:1

**Verses to pray against greed:**

“They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine to drink. Now what have you against me, Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia? Are you repaying me for something I have done? If you are paying me back, I will swiftly and speedily return on your own heads what you have done. For you took my silver and my gold and carried off my finest treasures to your temples. You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you might send them far from their homeland.” –Joel 3:3-6

“Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” –Luke 12:15

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” -1 Timothy 6:10a

**Verses to pray against prejudice:**

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” –Genesis 1:27

“Daughters of kings are among your honored women; at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.” –Psalm 45:9

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” –Galatians 3:28

**Verses to pray that the reality of trafficking is unveiled:**

“For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.” –Mark 4:22

“There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.” –Luke 12:2

“But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.” –Ephesians 5:13

**Verses to pray for strategies to raise awareness:**

“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.” -Psalm 25:4

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” –Proverbs 3:5-6

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” –Isaiah 55:9

**Verses to pray for people to be stirred to action:**

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?” –Isaiah 58:6-7

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” –James 1:22

"If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." –James 2:16-17

**Verses to pray for the church to awaken to the issue:**

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,

but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you." –Isaiah 60:1-2

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." –Matthew 5:13-14

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." –Matthew 16:18

**Verses for advocates and laborers to emerge:**

"Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?" –Psalm 94:16

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." –Proverbs 31:8

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." –Matthew 9:37-38

**Verses to pray for unity against injustice:**

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." –Psalm 133

"I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." –John 17:23

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had," –Romans 15:5

**Verses to pray for divine favor for the A21 campaign:**

"Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield." –Psalm 5:12

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands." –Psalm 90:17

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." –Luke 2:52

**Verses to pray for divine wisdom for the A21 campaign:** "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." –Proverbs 4:7

"How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!" –Proverbs 16:16

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

**Verses to pray for divine provision for the A21 campaign:**

“The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.” –Deuteronomy 28:12

“He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.” –Psalm 111:5

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” -2 Corinthians 9:8