



SBC

2024 National Day of Prayer

Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World

Prayer Guide for the National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2024

Lord, you are my lamp; the Lord illuminates my darkness. With you I can attack a barricade, and with my God I can leap over a wall. God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is pure. He is a shield to all who take refuge in him.

2 Samuel 22:29-31 (CSB)

PRAYING IN THE LIGHT

*For you are my lamp, O LORD.
(v.29)*

Light of Salvation

- Pray for the blessing of God to rest on Southern Baptist missions: international, national, state, and local
- Pray for a resurgence of passionate personal evangelism throughout the congregations of the SBC resulting in rising number of new believers in our churches

Light of Understanding

- Pray for God’s favor on our six SBC seminaries as they prepare God-called servants for vocational ministry (Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention; Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)

PRAYING AGAINST DARKNESS

... and my God lightens my darkness. (v.29b)

Darkness in our lives

- Confess personal sins.

Darkness in our culture

- Pray for spiritual awakening in America
- Ask God to lead the ministry of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the SBC as they press forward on issues of protecting life, religious liberty, marriage and families, and upholding human dignity.
- Pray for boldness for the preachers of the SBC as they proclaim the Light of the World in the darkness of the culture
- Ask God to protect our missionaries everywhere as they spread the Light in a world of darkness

PRAY FOR RENEWAL IN THE SBC

For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. (v.30)

- Pray for the work of the Executive Committee as they elevate prayer in the SBC
- Pray for the Executive Committee as they lead through sex abuse reform
- Pray for unity in the SBC as we work together to fulfill the Great Commission

PRAY FOR GOD’S PROTECTION

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. (v.31)

- Ask the Lord to protect the people of our churches as they are confronted by attacks on Scripture
- Ask God to embolden Southern Baptist professors, pastors, evangelists, apologists, and Sunday School/small group teachers/leaders as they teach the truth of God’s Word
- Thank God for His inerrant, infallible, all sufficient Word