# **International Prayer Time**

#### May the Cook's Fires Snuff out the Lies

#### **Trinity HOPE**

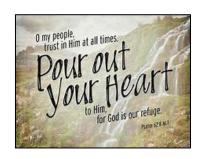
Prayer Guide for 2022-September

We begin our prayer time in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. + Amen.

Isaiah 1:15-17: "When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

We value you, our prayer partners!

In the Lutheran Catechism, we are instructed that prayer is an act of worship, through which we bring our petitions before God with our hearts and lips and offer up thanksgiving and praise to Him. Our Heavenly Father welcomes, encourages and urges us to come to Him in prayer. He is always there...ready to listen...and answer. This prayer guide follow the ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) method of prayer.



### **Adoration**

**Psalm 62:7–8** "On God my salvation and my glory rest; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us."

Heavenly Father, we stand in awe as Christian education is spreading throughout Haiti at a time when this world's media tells us it should not be happening. It's all taking place because of You. We are living in very challenging times in our country, even harder challenging times for those living in Haiti and there are increasingly more and more challenging events in every corner throughout this fallen world. Our souls have been like waves that are crashing against a shoreline, and our lives seem to be splashing back and forth in endless disarray. You came down into our lives and rescued us. You brought us the gift of forgiveness and that brought us relief, and You introduced us to a wonderful, unknown state of mind on this side of Heaven; AT PEACE, REST. Thank You for the wonderful peace that accompanies this rest. Thank You for the freedom from worrying about the challenges of this world that surround us daily. Heavenly Father, You are our refuge and bring us peace filled rest.

A time of 'Adoration' to our Triune God.

- Think about the endless challenges in our country and elsewhere in our world and where we turn to continually find peace and rest.
- Try to grasp the immense work that our Creator is doing in the lives of each Haitian child who are hopefully preparing to walk to their Christian school this month and the thousands of children who will be experiencing a Trinity HOPE lunch for the very first time.
- Stop and look back where you have been and where you are today, praying for and supporting a Trinity HOPE feeding program; HE knew you would be here today.



# Confession

**Proverbs 28:13**; "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy."

We were born, sinful and unclean, through no fault of our own, but because of the sins of our parents, grandparents...Adam and Eve.

God sent His only Son to die for our sins. Jesus did everything right while he was here on this earth. He loves you with a love that cannot be measured. He gave to the world when no thanks were returned to Him. He healed when there was no hope, and He died without complaint. Jesus did nothing wrong and everything right; all this for you. He lived for you and died for you. Our sins nailed Him to the cross on Calvary and kept Him there until His life on earth had ended.

A time of personal confession.

Our sins are placed at the base of the Calvary cross...His cross, and we give thanks that the times we have fallen short in the eyes of our Heavenly Father have been washed clean and we have been forgiven through the Blood of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ.

## **Thanksgiving**

1 Corinthians 10:13; "No temptation has overtaken you, but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."



Heavenly Father, thank You for Your truth that is preserved through the history of our world. Thank You for the careful concern of men like the apostles Peter and Paul who knew both sides of life on this planet: what it was like to live in this old world and what it was like to walk with the Savior, Your Son. Thank You for Peter's admonishment to prepare our minds for action, to keep sober in spirit, to fix our hope on Your grace, and not to conform our lives to the former lustful temptations; but to continually strive to be holy as You are. Father, thank you for providing us with an opportunity to come along the side of Haitian children learning about You, and are eagerly becoming Your messengers who will bring the Truth to ears that have not heard and lives that have turned away from You. Thank You for giving us the ability of prayerfully and financially support Your work through them.

Heavenly Father, we come to You now with hearts, minds and words filled with 'Thanksgiving'."

- We give thanks for our Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.
- We give You thanks for protecting inhabitants on the Ilse of Hispaniola from powerful tropical storms thus far this year.
- We give thanks for this new school year and the many additional students in new schools who will learn about Jesus and receive a daily meal from Trinity HOPE.
- As we give of our first fruits may we also give a portion of our best to His children in Haiti who need the assistance we can provide because of You.
- We give thanks for Your wisdom and directions for our Board of Directors and Ambassadors who will be meeting this month and desire to feed many more children and increase the number of Your missionaries within Haiti.

#### **Supplications**

**Psalm 51:1–2**; "Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."



Father, these verses should remind each of us that every morning, You give us a fresh start to walk with You. There are over 50,000 children in Haiti who will hopefully resume their classes this month amid the threats from gangs and learn more about You and share that life-saving message of salvation with those still in bondage to the lies of vodou. There are evil gangs within Haiti that are eager to destroy anything that will bring Hope to Haiti.

Lord, we live in a dry, barren and fallen world, where sin is becoming more and more rampant, and society is so filthy; we need a fountain of fresh, clean water full of blessing, truth, and strength; we need a fresh start. The children in Haiti and myself are thirsty today for the Living water. May it do its work in cleansing us and this world. May it wash our minds, may it cleanse our motives, may it scrub away the evil that permeates the Haitian gangs so that You can lead their members and us too, onto right paths and closer to You. Sadly, we confess of having a history of being prone to wander and leave the God we love. And only Your cleansing, fresh water of the Spirit can make us clean deep within and provide a fresh start within us. We give ourselves to Your sacred work, to be set apart for Your best use, for Your greater glory.

Heavenly Father, we bring our supplications before You:

- Heavenly Father, please place your healing hands upon Your servants in Haiti who are facing physical challenges from the evil gangs that prowl throughout the country of Haiti.
- Lord Jesus, bring a calming breeze and a fresh start throughout Haiti before the start of this new school year. Bring truth, peace and wisdom to the people who are trying to establish a new government and a desire to seek and follow YOU more closely every day.
- May the charcoal fires started by the cooks snuff out the lies of the vodou priests and bring those who still cling to those lies to the foot of the cross, repenting of their past and seeking Your future for them.
- Father, please dissolve the gangs that are threatening to take over Haiti by force. May Your people rise up and reclaim their country and restore peace where there is none.
- Father, provide Trinity HOPE team members in the US who oversee the monthly records from all the Haitian schools with abundant joy as they serve you in this way.

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You sent it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**2 Corinthians 13:11-14;** "Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

May God go before you to guide you; may His arms be beneath you to support you, around you to protect you and above you to bless you. And may the blessings of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you always dear sister and brother in Christ,

In His love, Jay Brinkmeyer