

National Day of Prayer
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Father God, forgive me. I have locked my car against thieves but not locked my heart from temptation. I have owned five of one tool when a tradesman lacked work because of one. I have sent my children to better schools instead of fixing the schools where they would have gone. I have elected those that govern because of what they could do for me, instead of doing what was right.

I have cared more about what people think of me than what you think of me. I have eaten more than I should and become fat and unhealthy. I have bought too much food and thrown half of it away when others are going hungry. You have blessed me with more than I need and I have wanted more yet. I have aligned myself with the beautiful, successful people and ignored those who needed love.

I have glorified myself when I should have glorified you. I have gone on vacation when I should have gone on a mission. I have thrown away things of value and kept things that are worthless. I have judged others, and even judged you Lord, when I should have been judging myself.

I kept for myself what I should have given away. I cling to the wreckage instead of swimming to your shore. I became my pain instead of seeking your healing and told everyone about the pain but not the recovery which you provided. I told my misery instead of shouting your glory.

I have hidden your story to improve my own. I sought happiness above all else and spent most of my time seeking it.

Today, Lord as we cry out to you on this National Day of Prayer, please hear my confession and begin to change me from the inside out. The nation cannot be healed while the people are unhealed. My government is a direct impact of what I have chosen to do in my life. What we have received is justice in line with what we have given. Help me be better as a person and then Lord your smile will be upon our leaders as well.

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