

# Pray for God's Justice

## **OUR CITY - *We pray that our city would be an example to others on how to handle race relations.***

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Philippians 2:14-15

## **THE TENSING AND DUBOSE FAMILIES - *We pray for God's peace and guidance to walk through the pain and uncertainty of what lies ahead.***

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalms 23:4-5

## **THE GRAND JURY - *We pray for objectivity and discernment of the truth.***

You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. Leviticus 19:15

## **THE DEFENSE & THE PROSECUTION - *We pray for a well researched and honest case.***

Speak up, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and oppressed. Proverbs 31:9  
Put me on trial, LORD, and cross-examine me. Test my motives and my heart. Psalm 26:2

## **SPECTATORS & INVOLVED CITIZENS - *We pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit to be at work in the hearts and minds of the people.***

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

## **MEDIA OUTLETS - *We pray for fair and impartial reporting, allowing God's activity to be on display.***

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. Romans 12:2-3

## **THE BODY OF CHRIST - *We pray that we will know that we are all interconnected and justice concerns the body.***

Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13

## **CHURCH LEADERS - *We pray for church leadership to use their special gifts to bring the body to maturity and unity***

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

## **THE UC COMMUNITY - *We pray for spiritual strength and fortitude for the UC students and surrounding community.***

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:10-11

## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND STRONGHOLDS - *We pray that we understand our fight is a spiritual one against the stronghold of racism and division.***

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

## **SYSTEMATIC INJUSTICE - *We pray that bitterness will not take root as we fight the long fight against injustice.***

Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written: "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." On the contrary, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For in so doing, you will heap burning coals on his head." Romans 12:19-21

## **PEACE - *We pray that even in the midst of our struggle an overwhelming calm will be with us.***

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7