

# A PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES

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*May 31, 2020 – With all the unrest in our nation this past week and past few days, I'd like to pray before we get into the sermon. I want to just settle our hearts and seek the Lord. We need to do that. And the Lord, I feel, just laid a prayer on my heart this morning that I would like to offer up, and do so together with you. So let's do that now. Let's bow our heads and go before the Lord:*

Father, you well know that there are times in our lives when we say with the Israelites of old, "We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you" (2 Chronicles 20:12). This is one of those times in our nation, God. We don't know exactly what to do. But our eyes are on you.

So God, we pray these things in the name of Jesus:

We pray, God, that the voices of violence will be silenced, and the voices of peace will be amplified. Will you do that, Lord? Somehow, some way?

We pray that the voices of hate will be rejected, and the voices of love will be embraced.

God, we pray that the leaders of looting will be abandoned, and the leaders of protest followed.

We pray, God, that riots will dissipate, and churches will congregate. Somehow, God, will you do a miracle in that?

We pray that law and order will prevail, and disorder end.

We pray that voices of frenzy will fade, and voices of reason will rise.

We pray in the name of Jesus that hotheads will cool, and cooler heads prevail.

We pray that confusion will reign among detractors, and wisdom will reign among leaders.

We pray, God, that fear will be replaced by courage, and folly by wisdom.

In fact, God, we pray that foolishness will be exposed, and godliness exalted.

Lord, we pray for an end to senseless death, and the beginning of mutual respect.

We pray for an end to riots and looting, and the restoration of law and order. Somehow, God.

God, we pray that the abuse of power will not be lost in the abuse of freedom.

We pray that the powers of darkness will be defeated, and the people of light will shine. Your people, God.

And last Lord, we pray for peace in our nation, and love in our hearts.

In the powerful name of Jesus, who is able to do far more than we could ever ask or imagine, we pray.

Amen.