

*“This is the judgment, that **the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.***

*For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light
for fear that his deeds will be exposed.*

*But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as
having been wrought [formed, bent, or fashioned] in God” (John 3:19-21 NASB).*

1) Jesus burst into the realm of mankind as the Light of the world. Please pray that men and women across the country will see their need for Jesus by realizing that loving darkness leads to judgment and eternal separation from God.

2) Not wanting to have our sinful ways exposed, our American culture often paints sin as good and righteousness as evil. Pray that in your community, people will begin to see the darkness of sin like God sees it.

3) Pray for those in your church family who practice the truth, to do so in such a way as to declare to those living in darkness that Jesus can truly change their lives.

4) Please lift up before God the name of someone you know who is walking in darkness. Pray that this person will be drawn to the light of Jesus in order to be saved.

5) In John 8:12, Jesus said, “He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness.” Pray that as followers of Jesus, Christians in every community will live lives that no longer reflect the characteristics and ways of darkness, but the holy nature of Jesus.

6) Satan loves to entrap Christians in circumstances where they are tempted to walk in darkness. In Romans 13:12, Paul encourages Christ’s followers to “lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.” Pray that believers in your church family will purpose to walk through each day clothed in the armor of Jesus.

7) In Acts 26:17-18, Paul shares how Jesus sent him to the Gentiles in order to “open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God.” Ask God to give us understanding in our roles as we continue to help people turn from darkness to the light of Jesus.

8) Pray that your church family and staff will stand firm in Jesus and will resist all the worldly influences that come their way from “the world forces of this [current] darkness” (Ephesians 6:12).

9) Paul told the Thessalonians that they were not of night or darkness, but were all “sons of light and sons of day” (1 Thessalonians 5:5). Pray that we too will walk as sons of light, being sober and alert to all the spiritual temptations found in the darkness.

10) According to 1 John 2:9-10, the one who “hates his brother is in the darkness,” while “the one who loves his brother abides in the Light.” Pray that as brothers and sisters in Jesus, we will repent of hating other believers and will genuinely love one another through the power of Christ.

11) Jesus used God’s Word to powerfully resist the devil when He was tempted in the wilderness. Pray that your church family will become so grounded in the Word that they too can use it in resisting the devil and his dark schemes.

12) In Ephesians 5:11, Paul exhorted believers to “not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.” Ask God to give us wisdom in exposing the realities of darkness in order to protect those under our spiritual care.

13) American movies are continually depicting scenes filled with spiritual darkness. Pray that Christians will lose their appetite for films promoting extreme violence, sexual immorality, and ungodliness. Pray that those who control and influence this industry will pursue God’s holiness.

14) Over the years in America, secular television has become a major tool in the promotion of darkness. Pray that Christians will no longer choose to expose themselves and their families to unrighteous programming, vulgar language (Ephesians 4:29), and that which so often grieves the heart of God.

15) For decades, America's music industry—repeatedly promoting rebellion, violence, paganism, and sexual immorality—has contributed to the spiritual decline of countless teens and adults. Pray for the kind of revival that will cause healthy change in America's music and those influenced by it.

16) Christians are often tempted to view pornographic websites on their private computers, tablets and cell phones. Ask God to protect the members of your congregation from the destructive and imprisoning influence of pornography.

17) A very large portion of the internet is filled with Godless pornography. Pray that individuals and companies, who have the power and ability to do so, would remove huge portions of pornography from the internet, and work to keep it off, on an ongoing basis.

18) A flood of printed resources promoting humanism, New Age living, eastern mysticism, false religions, and a multitude of vain philosophies has spread across the country. Please pray that God will minimize the influence of these resources as He brings us back to a greater knowledge of His Son.

19) In almost every community in America, you will find private clubs and bars where drunkenness and immorality are promoted. Pray that the owners of these businesses [ungodly bars and clubs] will have radical encounters with Jesus and be led by God to remove these kinds of influences from our cities.

20) Intoxication among high school students is a major concern in many American communities. Pray that Christian parents, local law enforcement agencies, and public-school officials will work together to curb this life-endangering practice.

21) Please pray that the trafficking of illegal drugs in your community will come to a complete stop. Pray for the safety of your local law enforcement agents as they face danger protecting your city's neighborhoods from the violence and dangers associated with drug use.

22) Almost all of the southern states bordering Mexico deal with drug cartels that are very powerful and dangerous. Pray that the influence of these cartels will be greatly diminished and that their leaders will be radically transformed by the gospel. Pray that the influence of the demonic powers that work in connection with these cartels would be stayed by the hand of God and His angels.

23) Domestic violence seems to be on the rise in many parts of the country. Pray that husbands and wives, along with their children and extended family members, will learn to live in peace and harmony, daily demonstrating the love of Jesus to one another.

24) Divorce, though declining nationally as many young couples choose to live together outside the bonds of marriage, continues to be widely practiced both inside and outside of the church. Please pray biblical standards of marriage will be sought out and practiced among Christians throughout our nation.

25) Pray that our country will experience the kind of revival that removes the idea that abortion is always a legitimate choice. Pray that no fetus with a beating heart would be aborted, except in the rare instances of rape, incest, or a legitimate threat to the mother's life.

26) Criminal behaviors have been so glamorized by the entertainment industry, and the importance of the Ten Commandments has been so minimized by our culture, that people are having a hard time getting along with each other. Pray that the darkness of crime, in movies and in real life, will be seen from God's perspective. Additionally, pray that peoples' love for each other would not grow cold (Mt. 24:12).

27) In some communities, racial and ethnic prejudices are still very predominant. Please pray that Christians will genuinely love one another and those around them, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or skin color, and have compassion towards all individuals, as having been made in the image of God.

28) Many church members in the United States live no differently than they did before professing to know Jesus. Their ways still reflect the darkness of the world system around them. Pray God would send the a revival that will make all Christians authentic, and their walk with Him to be truly biblical (1 John 2:3-4).

29) Please pray that today's church will not function under the dark cloud of legalism, but in the light of God's grace, truth, and love, as we pursue holiness.

30) Pray that all genuine Christians in the United States would develop or maintain good prayer lives and become more effective in fighting the spiritual battle that we are all embroiled in (a battle against sin, evil, injustice, and for the eternal souls of hundreds of millions of women and men throughout the world).

Pray that SPI PrayerCords, SPI Triads, and SPI Battle Cords would be raised up in this country in vast numbers, helping to fuel the 5y80 Objective.

[The 5y80 Objective is the objective of working to have 80% of the actual Christians in the United States develop or maintain a good prayer life, and do so for five (5) years.]

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