

Mission Prayer Movement: United States of America

April 17, 2023

Updates & prayer points:

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The Pentagon press secretary reported that the Iranian-backed militant attacks last week killed one American contractor and caused traumatic brain injuries to six service members. “No group will strike our troops with impunity,” Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin stated.

- *Pray for the safety of American troops wherever deployed, including those engaged in large-scale military drills in the Indo-Pacific region.*

PRAY FOR AN END TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE

On a visit to Beijing, French President Emmanuel Macron urged Chinese President Xi Jinping to reason with Russia and help end the war in Ukraine. Xi said he hoped Russia and Ukraine could hold peace negotiations soon. Their conversation was said to have been friendly, frank, constructive, and in-depth.

Russia and Ukraine engaged in a prisoner swap over the Easter weekend, as each returned more than 200 soldiers back to their home countries. Some of the prisoners “have serious injuries, illnesses or have been tortured,” according to Ukraine’s Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War.

- *Pray for officials engaged in negotiations that are going on behind the scenes to bring peace to Ukraine.*

PRAY FOR AMERICA’S ECONOMY

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce reports that concerns over inflation remain at record highs this quarter among small business owners. “Their view of the broader economy is darkening,” said a Chamber vice president.

New data from Lending Club revealed 44 percent of Americans work a second job. A Flex Jobs survey found 69 percent of employed professionals either have a side job or want one.

- *Pray for federal leaders in their effort to respond to higher costs of living and inflation.*

PRAY FOR AMERICA’S HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Funding and staffing issues are cited as reasons for closing more than 200 maternity units in primarily rural hospitals, forcing mothers-to-be to travel often dozens of miles to give birth to their infants. Prenatal care is also becoming a challenge in many areas.

In other rural areas, there are shortages of doctors. Even residency training programs in some areas have been closed down. Said one resident doctor who was training in a shuttered program in Nevada, “I don’t know what I’m going to do. It almost set [me] back. I would say to square one. That’s so distressing to a patient.”

- *Pray for legislators and administrators as they consider issues being faced by rural hospitals.*

PRAY FOR AMERICA’S LEADERS:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH: PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION

- *Pray that members of the president’s administration follow proper protocol and judicial rulings.*

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: PRAY FOR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

- *Pray for the chairs and members of Congressional committees as they review and investigate federal actions.*

JUDICIAL BRANCH: PRAY FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND FEDERAL JUDGES

- *Pray for justices of the Supreme Court to be prudent in their decisions as they navigate the changing tides of society and culture.*

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宣教祈禱運動：美國

2023 年 4 月 17 日

最新情況和祈禱事項:

為我們的軍隊祈禱:

五角大樓新聞秘書報告說，伊朗支持的激進分子上週發動的襲擊導致一名美國承包商死亡，並導致六名軍人有創傷性腦損傷 (traumatic brain injury)。國防部長勞埃德·奧斯汀說：“任何團體都不會襲擊我們的軍隊而不受懲罰。”

- 為部署在任何地方的美國軍隊的安全禱告，包括那些在印太地區進行大規模軍事演習的軍隊。

為烏克蘭戰爭的結束禱告：

法國總統馬克龍訪問北京時敦促中國國家主席習近平與俄羅斯理論，幫助結束烏克蘭戰爭。習近平說，他希望俄羅斯和烏克蘭盡快舉行和平談判。據說他們的談話是友好、坦率、有建設性和深入的。

俄羅斯和烏克蘭在復活節週末進行了俘虜交換，各自將 200 多名士兵送回了自己的國家。據烏克蘭戰俘待遇協調總部稱，一些戰俘“受了重傷、生病或遭受酷刑”。

- 為參與幕後談判的官員祈禱，讓他們能為烏克蘭帶來和平。

為美國經濟禱告：

美國商會報告稱，本季度小企業業主對通貨膨脹的擔憂仍處於歷史高位。一位商會副會長說，“他們看淡整體經濟”。

Lending Club 的新數據顯示，44% 的美國人有兩份工作。一項 Flex Jobs 調查發現，69% 的受僱專業人士都有一份副業，或者想要一份副業。

- 為聯邦領導人努力應對更高的生活成本和通貨膨脹禱告。

為美國的健康和福祉祈禱：

資金和人員配備問題被認為是主要關閉位於農村醫院的 200 多個產科病房的原因，這迫使準媽媽們經常要走幾十英里才能生下嬰兒。產前護理也成為挑戰。

在其他農村地區，醫生短缺。甚至一些地區的註院醫生培訓項目也被關閉。一位正在內華達州一個關閉的項目中接受培訓的註院醫生說，“我不知道我要做什麼。它幾乎讓[我]退縮了，讓我從零開始。這對病人來說太痛苦了。”

- 為立法者和行政人員禱告，因為他們考慮鄉村醫院面臨的問題。

為美國領導人祈禱：

行政部門：為總統和他的政府祈禱

- 祈求總統政府的成員遵守適當的協定和司法裁決。

立法部門：為參議員和國會代表祈禱

- 為審查和調查聯邦行動的國會委員會主席和成員禱告。

司法部門：為最高法院法官和聯邦法官祈禱

- 祈求最高法院的法官們在應對不斷變化的社會和文化潮流時能夠審慎決策。

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