

PRAY FOR MINNESOTA

Lord Jesus, in the peace and power of the HS, help us pray with your heart. To see what you see. To see clearly apart from all other forces and biases, both around and within us. God, more than anything else, you see people. All people...precious human beings created in your image, each bearing inherent dignity and worth. Each equally and deeply loved by you. Therefore, we unite our hearts to pray for all those impacted by recent events...

- We pray for the family and loved ones of Renee Good. Comfort them in their profound loss and grief like only you can, Lord. As you promise in your Word, continue to be close to the broken-hearted (Psalm 34:18). Show us how to mourn with those who mourn and comfort those who grieve. Including a City that finds itself here once again.
- We pray for our ethnic minority and immigrant neighbors and friends who are feeling vulnerable, afraid and marginalized right now. Be with them and their families, Lord. Provide for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs during this anxious time. And show us how to see, love, serve and stand with them as You do.
- We pray for those in Law Enforcement, including our neighbors and friends who serve as police officers and first responders-and their families. We affirm the weight they carry and the sacrifices they make. Please protect them and guide them in your ways, Lord. And show us how to see, love, serve and stand with them as You do.

God, we grieve and lament with those who are affected most right now.

And we repent of the ways we have not seen, humanized, loved or served them like you do. Humble us, Lord. And continue to transform our hearts, minds, eyes, words and actions-make them more like yours!

In Jesus' name, we confront and reject the spiritually dark forces in this world that set up a false, forced choice between caring about this group OR that group of human beings, between justice OR peace, between prayer OR serving. You care about ALL people. And you are a God of Peace AND Justice. You hate the opposites of both Peace and Justice. In your Word, you make it clear: "Justice is mine, says the Lord" (Deuteronomy 32:35). Amidst the chaos and noise, bring your Clarity, Truth and Justice to what's happening right now, according to your perfect will-nothing more, nothing less-as well as everything surrounding it, everything that led to it and everything that may come from it. And give Divine wisdom, humility, clarity, courage and hearts for unity to all government officials and representatives.

And Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. Bring Real Peace and Unity to our City, State and Country. And to our Church. Like only you can. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against dark, evil spiritual forces in this world. However and wherever that is the case, we pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus that those spiritual forces would leave and be gone! And we ask you to refill the spaces they've occupied with your Presence of peace, compassion, humility, goodness, grace, truth and love. Love is the only answer. A perfect, powerful, supernatural Love that drives out all fear, hate, violence and darkness. God, you ARE love (1 John 4:16). Jesus, YOU are the only answer. As your followers, use us to humbly and boldly fill those dark, broken, hurting spaces with the Light of your Presence. May we increasingly pray, love, look and ACT more and more like you...and show the world a different way!

In your name we pray, Lord Jesus...

Amen.