

# Declarations of God's Character

## God is approachable

I confess, declare and believe that You are an accessible God. Reveal Yourself to the people of our country. Do not conceal Yourself from us. We pray that Christians and non-Christians alike will understand that they may approach Your throne of grace to be helped (**Heb.4:16**). We confess and proclaim that when we call out to You, You will hear us and make known to us great and unsearchable things we do not know about the work and responsibility of the Church in our country and the world (**Jer.33:3**). May the people in our country see You like You really are.

## The guidance of God

I appeal to the guidance of God. God is like a shepherd leading His sheep. Lord, You are my lamp shining brightly; You give me light when all is dark around me (**2 Sam.22:29**). I confess, declare and believe that You will guide me in Your truth and teach me. My hope is in You all day long (**Ps.25:5**). Teach me Your will, Lord, lead me in a straight path so that my oppressors will not get their way (**Ps.27:11**). You lead me in the paths of righteousness to the glory of Your Name (**Ps.23:2-3**). Give me Your Spirit because You promised that Your Spirit of truth will guide us into all truth (**John 16:13**). I believe that if I take the wrong way, I will hear a voice behind me saying, "*This is the way; walk in it*" (**Isa.30:21**).

## The impartiality of God

I declare, confess and believe that God is without prejudice, does not take bribes and anyone who accepts His gift of salvation, will be saved (**Deut.10:17**). God does not show favouritism but accepts people from any nation who fear Him and do what is right (**Acts 10:34-35**). God is mighty but He looks down on no one and thus we call on a Father who judges impartially (**1 Pet.1:17**). Therefore the people serve Him, they show Him reverence, and He has no regard for those who think they are wise (**Job 37:24**). Anyone who does wrong will be paid back for the wrong he has done (**Col.3:25**). May the fear of the Lord be with you always! Be watchful and do your duty. There is no injustice or partiality or corruption in the Lord our God (**2 Chron.19:7**). He will judge each person according to his own deeds (**Rom.2:6**). God has no favourites and so we can boldly call on the grace, love, promises, goodness and mercy of God, because it is available for everyone, and He blesses all who calls on His name (**Rom.10:12**).

## The holiness of God

We declare to every person in this country: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and gives people true insight (**Prov.1:7**). Lord, may Your holiness make people bow down before You so that they may receive wise hearts. Make Your Church holy. May Your holiness help people inside the council chambers of our country to make wise decisions.

## The righteousness of God

I confess and believe that God is always fair, that this gives me insight and that I can live accordingly (**Ps.119:144**). Lord, our prayer is that You will bring to an end all the evil deeds of wicked people and help the innocent, because You are a righteous God (**Ps.7:9**). As Believers we confess that everything God does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong (**Deut.32:4**). We declare: God rules our country in righteousness and justness (**Jer.23:6; Rev.16:5-7**).

## The Lord is good

I confess, declare and believe that those who come to God will experience themselves that He is good (**Ps.34:9**). Lord, we believe that You satisfy the thirsty and give in abundance to those who are hungry (**Ps.107:9**). The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, for those who seek His will; it is good to wait patiently on the help of the Lord (**Lam.3:25-26**). We pray that the world will see that God revealed his kindness to us; in His love and goodness He gave us Jesus our Saviour (**Tit.3:4**). We proclaim to the people of our country: "God is rich in kindness, tolerance and patience!" May people understand that God's kindness wants to lead them toward repentance! (**Rom.2:4**).

## God answers prayer

I believe, confess and proclaim that God answers prayer. When we call out to You, You will answer: "*Here I am*". I declare that I believe You when You say to the people of our country: "*Pray and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you*" (**Matt.7:7**). I believe that the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him (**2 Chron.16:9**). I believe if the righteous cry out, the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles (**Ps.34:17**). I wait patiently on the help of the Lord (**Lam.3:26**). I cast all my worries on the Lord, because He promised to take care of me (**1 Pet. 5:7**). I confess that God will give us the desires of our hearts if we delight ourselves in the Lord (**Ps.37:4**).

## God is a Father

I declare, confess and believe that You are our Everlasting Father (**Deut.32:6**). Together with the Church through all the ages, we declare that we believe in God the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You have bound us to You with a covenant by declaring that You will be a father to us and that we will be Your sons and daughters (**2 Cor.6:18**). Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, let Your Kingdom come in our country (**Matt.6:9-10**). We as individuals and as a Church want to know You as You really are and we want to glorify You as You glorify Your Son (**1 John 2:13-14; John 17:1-4**). We confess that we accept Your punishment and reprimands as discipline so that we can be shaped by it, that we can submit to You so that we may share in Your holiness and that our lives will bear good fruit (**Heb.12:6-11**). We confess that You are a father to orphans and a protector of the rights of widows (**Ps.68:6**). You are like a father to Your children, tender and compassionate to those who fear You (**Ps.103:13**). You sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts and in us He calls out, "Abba, Father!" (**Gal.4:5-7**).

## God forgives and saves

I confess, declare, proclaim and believe that God forgives sin and that He wants the unsaved and the wicked to repent of their sins. Lord, You are our salvation. We pray that You will deliver the godless and unsaved in this country so that Your Name is honoured (**Ps.79:9**). Lord Jesus, You sent Your Son to pay the price for our sins; therefore we confidently ask for the salvation of the people of our country (**John 3:16**). You find no pleasure in the death of the sinful, but want them to repent and turn from their wicked ways.

## The faithfulness of God

I confess, believe and declare that You are faithful, that You will do what You promised and will not forget one of Your big and good promises (**Josh.23:14**). I know that You are not unfair, that You will not forget us or let us down (**Gen.28:15; Heb.6:10**). As Believers we draw near to You with a sincere heart and in full assurance of faith so that You can help us, that You can cleanse us from sin and a guilty conscience (**Heb.10:22**). With complete certainty I entrust my life to You and I stand firm in the assurance that You do not postpone the fulfilment of Your promises, but that You are patient and do not want any person in our country to perish (**2 Pet.3:9**).

## **The sovereignty of God**

I declare, confess and believe that You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit reign sovereign over heaven and earth and that everything in our country is under Your control. You reign over our country from where You are seated on Your holy throne (**Ps.47:8**). May the people of this country acknowledge You as the King of all the nations (**Jer.10:7**). We confess, declare and believe that You know about everything in our country, that nothing in this country intimidates You and that no problem is so big that You cannot handle it.

## **The patience of God**

I confess, declare and believe that You are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in love and faithfulness (**Ex.34:6**). That is why we ask that You will be patient with us in this country of ours. We ask that You will not condemn us in Your wrath, but patiently draw us to You. May You overlook our ignorance, and may Your Spirit call out in people's hearts all over the country that they must repent (**Ezek.20:17**). We confess that in His goodness, God wants to lead people to repentance (**Ps.103:8-10**). When we pray for the Church and for our country, we call upon the fact that You are long-suffering and patient.

## **God's compassion**

We confess, declare and believe that God is a gracious God, that He will not break a bruised reed nor snuff out a smoldering wick (**Matt.12:20**). We confess that He took our weaknesses and sin on Himself to set us free (**Isa.53:4-5**). We confess that Jesus came to destroy the devil's work (**1 John 3:8**). As Christians we confess that the High Priest we have is not one who has no compassion for our weaknesses; after all, He was subjected to temptation in every respect just like us, yet He did not sin. So we pray, Lord, that You will have compassion for us in this country.

## **God is a fire**

I confess and proclaim that the Lord our God is a consuming fire and He demands undivided faithfulness to Him (**Deut.4:24**). He is a God who reveals Himself as a God of fire time and again – this is the way He revealed Himself to Moses, Abraham, Elijah and to the church in Acts. His throne was flaming with a river of fire (**Dan.7:10**). Fire goes before Him and consumes His enemies on every side (**Ps.97:3**). May Your fire bring people to their senses and tear them loose from worldliness, foolishness, haughtiness and every form of egotism.

## **The power of God**

I confess, declare and believe that all power is in the hand of God Almighty and that, with that power, He shatters the enemy, does His mighty deeds, breaks Satan's power and saves us from every danger (**Ex.15:6-8**). Therefore, Lord, You work miracles and wonders. Reveal Your power in our country and may people see Your miracles so that our country may be restored, that there can be healing for our country, and people can be saved. Nothing is too great for You to do and not one of Your words is powerless (**Lk.1:37**). The Lord is the conqueror in every battle, no matter what the circumstances (**Ps.24:8**). We confess and declare that the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power (**1 Cor.4:20**).

## **The anger and wrath of God**

I confess, believe and proclaim that when a country sins, the fierce anger of God burns against this land and that He punishes such a country, irrespective of the country and also irrespective of the position and title of any person (**Deut.29:27; 2 Sam.6:7**). God reveals His wrath from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of the people who try to suppress the truth by their wickedness (**Rom.1:18**). Whoever is disobedient to the Son will not see life, because the punishment of God remains on Him (**John 3:36**). I proclaim that a day will come for all who are godless and do not want to repent of their sins, that they will hide in caves and in the mountains in an effort to escape God's wrath. This will be true of kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, yes all

the people, slaves and every free person, all who do not repent of their sins. They will call out to the mountains, *"Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day has come on which He will pass judgment, and who will remain standing?"* (**Rev.6:15-17**).

## **God as judge and His judgment**

I confess and proclaim that God is the judge of the entire earth and that He will do what is right (**Gen.18:25**). The Lord's judgments are true and just and He avenges Himself on unrighteousness and the death of His servants (**Rev.19:2**). The Lord God, the Almighty, is true and just in His judgments (**Rev.16:5-7**). Therefore, Lord, it is not for us to judge, and thus we leave it to You. We plead for justice and righteousness in our country and that You will judge between right and wrong and that justice will prevail in our country. It is Your right to judge and take vengeance. I declare to the country and its people: It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God (**Heb.10:30-31**).

## **God heals**

I believe, declare and I am thankful that You are the Lord who heals us (**Ex.15:26**). Lord, You bless us and take away sickness from among us (**Ex.23:25**). You promise that those who are kind to the weak are blessed. You will deliver them in times of trouble. You take care of them in sickness. When they are ill, You will heal them. (**Ps.41:2,4**). You forgive all my sins and heal all my diseases (**Ps.103:3**). I proclaim to the sick: He took up our weakness, He carried our sorrows. He was wounded and crushed for our sins; He took the punishment that brought us peace and His wounds brought us healing (**Isa.53:1,4,5**).

## **God knocks down strongholds**

I declare that the weapons God gives us are not human weapons, but the mighty weapons of God that can demolish strongholds. With them we break down arguments and every pretension that keeps people from knowing God. We take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ. We are also ready to punish every act of disobedience after our own obedience became complete (**2 Cor.10:3-6**). I declare that God gave me the authority to overcome all the violence of the enemy (**Lk.10:19**). Through His death and resurrection Jesus conquered the power of death and sin. He broke the power of Evil, not only for individuals, but also for the forces of evil in this country. God who gives peace will soon crush Satan under our feet (**Rom.16:20**).

## **God blesses**

I confess and believe and proclaim to all who believe in God, follow Jesus and serve God devotedly: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord answer your prayers and give you peace! (**Num.6:23-27**). Therefore we ask: Bless us and enlarge our territory, take us in this country under Your protection and keep us from harm so that we will be free from pain. (**1 Chron.4:10**). In Jesus' Name I proclaim to every person in this country: Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may be given the blessing of God (**1 Pet.3:9**).