

PRAYING FOR A NATIONAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen for His own inheritance (Psalm 33:12 NASB).

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people (Proverbs 14:34).

- Pray that America will experience the kind of revival and spiritual awakening that moves us to become that nation whose God is the Lord (Psalm 33:12). Pray that in every facet of our being and culture, God will be recognized and worshiped as the One who sovereignly reigns over us.
- Knowing that righteousness exalts a nation, pray that Americans will return to walk in the righteousness that is birthed out of a genuine love relationship with Jesus (Proverbs 14:34).
- Various analysts are saying that America's role as a leader among nations is being lost. Have our sinful ways brought disgrace to our country (Proverbs 14:34)? Pray fervently that God will send revival and return us to reflecting His righteous ways and deeds (Ezekiel 36:19).
- Our political and educational systems often separate themselves from God's Word and moral standards, making it easy for our culture to declare evil good and good evil. Pray that the importance of God's Word will be restored and we will no longer "substitute darkness for light and light for darkness" (Isaiah 5:20).
- When Israel moved into the Promised Land, God commanded them to be holy since He had set them apart from the other nations (Leviticus 20:26). Since God has set us apart through faith, pray that America will be moved to lay aside every way of living that dishonors God.
- Because the children of Israel kept and obeyed God's statutes and judgments, the other nations saw them as wise and understanding (Deuteronomy 4:5-6). Pray that America will again be seen as a wise nation because we have kept and obeyed God's commands.

- Israel boasted that no other people group had "a god so near to it as is the Lord our God" whenever they called on Him (Deuteronomy 4:7). Oh, that Christians in America would feel the same way! Pray that the church will value the privilege of having access to God through prayer.
- Pray that Christians in America will listen to God's voice and obey His commands. Pray that our love and loyalty to God will always be seen through our obedience to Him (Judges 2:20-22).
- It is not uncommon for nations to design and worship gods made by human hands (2 Kings 17:29). Pray that Americans will not worship false gods that come from men's imaginations.
- 10 Isaiah pronounced a number of woes against the people of Israel, against those who pursued strong drink and entertainment while paying no attention "to the deeds of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:12). Pray that America will turn away from worldly pleasure to seek God with a whole heart.
- In Isaiah 58, the house of Jacob is portrayed as a people who were not living according to their talk. Pray that the church in America will thoroughly lay down her worldly ways and walk consistently in line with her message.
- God is gracious and often demonstrates His love to rebellious people (Isaiah 65:1-2). Pray that His grace will continue to be poured out on America and will be met by people repenting of their sin and submitting to His will.
- God's reputation is often profaned when people who profess to be Christians aren't living according to His ways (Ezekiel 36:20). Pray that the church in America will walk in a way that brings God glory from all people.

- In Joel 1–2, the Hebrews made the connection between their spiritual condition and God's remedial judgment toward them through the plague of locusts. Pray that the church in America will be awakened to connect the natural disasters we are facing with our sins against God.
- In Matthew 24:7, Jesus said that in the last days "nation will rise against nation," and the number of famines and earthquakes will increase. Pray that with the dramatic rise of these events, our nation will turn back to God.
- Matthew 24:14 tells us that when the gospel of the kingdom is preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, then the end will come. Pray that God will continue opening the door to every nation and that laborers will go forth boldly, declaring the truths of the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray that Christians in America will see ourselves as "A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION" and will "proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).
- Pray that as a nation, America will see wickedness as detestable and lay down even the imitation of such practices as witchcraft, sorcery, the interpretation of omens, guidance from mediums, the use of divination, and calling on the dead (Deuteronomy 18:9-13).
- Psalm 2:2-3 describes the kings of the earth taking a stand "against the LORD and against His Anointed." As some of our politicians and leaders stand against God's principles and commands, pray that the church will become even bolder in following the truths and precepts of His Word.
- Psalm 9:17 declares that it is possible for an entire nation to forget God. Pray that God will not be lost or forgotten by the generations and leaders who will comprise America's future.
- Take a moment today to praise God as the King of all the earth, the One who sovereignly reigns over all the nations of the world (Psalm 47:7-8). Exalt Him as the only One who can bring revival and spiritual awakening to America.
- Pray that America will learn to fear the Lord and consequently hate evil (Proverbs 8:13). Ask God to deliver us as a nation from pride and arrogance and evil ways.

- Pray for the salvation and protection of those God has placed in leadership within your state, county, province, parish, township, or city (Romans 13:1). Pray that every person holding a position of authority will submit his or her life and agenda to the authority and direction of Christ.
- Pray for all the pastors of our nation, asking God to bring revival to their personal lives. Pray that they will be filled with the Spirit of God and will shepherd the flock of God according to His will (1 Peter 5:2).
- Pray especially today for the salvation of our political leaders. Pray that every politician will submit their will and motivations to Christ's lordship. Pray that before looking to men for counsel, every official will seek first the heart, purposes, and plans of God for those under their authority (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
- As the nation pauses for a day of thanksgiving, take a few moments to thank God for the wonderful, sacrificial love He demonstrated toward us when He let His only Son die in our place as payment for our sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).
- Pray that those serving in our military and law enforcement will experience God in revival and will walk in the safety only He can provide. Ask Him to give them wisdom and discernment as they encounter all types of people and dangerous situations (Romans 13:3-4).
- Pray that those who sit as judges in our nation will all experience the salvation of Christ's gospel. Ask God to send revival into this arena of our culture and place the hearts and minds of our judges under the authority of God and His Word (Isaiah 32:1-2).
- Pray today that God's lovingkindness, truth, righteousness, and peace will permeate our culture, and that the character of Christ will be powerfully experienced within our nation (Psalm 85:10).
- Pray once more today that we as a nation will be willing to repent. Pray that we will radically trust God to change our culture, character, and heart to consistently reflect His ways and glory (Psalm 85:6)!