

Prayer for America

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Heavenly Father, **We come** to you in the name of Jesus, through His shed blood, in the power of the Holy Spirit, clothed in Jesus' righteousness. We humbly bow before you asking you to please pour out Your Spirit once again upon Your people in the United States of America. We humbly beseech and ask you to graciously open the windows of heaven and come down in our midst in great power and glory. We confess that we are a sinful nation, O Lord, in so many ways. Many of our nations' leaders and citizens have turned their backs on You and have spurned You and Your Laws. Our laws are more and more ungodly. We desperately need your help. We confess that our nation is steeped in racism of many forms. People still consider other people of different ethnicities and/or skin colors as being inferior to them. Too many whites hate blacks, too many blacks hate whites, too many Latinos hate whites and blacks, and too many whites and blacks hate Latinos. We acknowledge that the Bible says that all people descended from Adam and Eve and that we are all biological descendants of Noah. Yet, we still argue over race. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

We believe and confess that You love everyone, You created everyone equal, Jesus died for the sins of everyone, and there is only **one race** – the human race. All human beings are your creation, and we pledge to treat them with respect and dignity. For all our racist sins, forgive us, O Lord. Our liberal courts have banned prayers to You, the Living God, in our public schools. Since that ruling in the early 1960s, we have reaped a bitter harvest. Crime has increased in our schools. They have become increasingly violent and less effective in educating our young people. Discipline and respect for authority has diminished, and too often the students are running the schools. Forgive us, O Lord.

We have also continued to suffer from the slaughter of over 50 million unborn babies via abortion since our Supreme Court legalized it in 1973. Our nation is soaked in the blood of the unborn, while pro-abortion activists continue to fight for the "freedom" to perpetuate this barbaric, modern-day holocaust. Forgive us, O Lord.

Our Supreme Court has now legalized "homosexual marriage" in America. In doing so, they call "right" what you call "wrong." Many of our citizens mock the

plain teachings in Scripture that define marriage as being exclusively one man married to one woman. Proclaiming to be wiser than You, many in our nation have become foolish. Forgive us, Lord.

We humbly ask you to give us Godly, Spirit-filled, Jesus-loving, Bible-believing, praying, soul-winning, church-attending **Christians** to serve in public office throughout the United States. We ask you to give us modern-day Shadrachs, Meshachs, and Abednegos who will lead us in righteousness and will not bow the knee to the evil idols of this world. Give us political leaders like Daniel who will pray three times a day, even if it is illegal to do so. Give us leaders like King David who have a heart for you, and who will fight all modern-day Goliaths *“so that all the world may know that there is a God in (America).”*

Give us modern day Nehemiahs who will rebuild the walls of righteousness in our land and who boldly confess that they are *“doing a great work”* from which they *“cannot come down.”* Give us leaders like Mordecai, who refuse to bow to the wicked Hamans of this world. Give us leaders like Jehoshaphat who will lead relatively small groups against imposing spiritual enemies, saying, *“O our God, will you not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude, nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You!”* Give us Leaders like Hezekiah who will pray and see you perform miracles in our day. And give us leaders like Josiah that will purge the false worship of idols from our nation.

We pray for those elected to lead us in the upcoming days. Let your kingdom come in their lives; let Your will be done in their lives on earth as it is in heaven. Help each of them to love You with of all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Be with the President, Vice President, all the U.S. Senators, all the House of Representatives, all the people who work at the I.R.S., the C.I.A, the F.B.I., the Pentagon, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all the other political leaders, military leaders, educational leaders, judicial leaders, business leaders, law enforcement leaders, and Christian leaders. Bless their families and their staff as well. We pray that the hearts of these leaders of our nation will be like channels of water in Your hand, O God, and that you will turn them wherever You will. Help them to be holy unto You, for You the Lord are holy. If they refuse to serve You, please remove them and replace them with Godly, Jesus-loving leaders who will follow You wholeheartedly.

Holy God, we pray for a **revival** among Your people. We pray that we Your people who are called by Your Name will humble ourselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from our wicked ways. Then we pray that You will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land. We pray that You Yourself will revive us again that Your people may rejoice in You. O Lord, we have heard the report about You and we fear. Revive Your work in the midst of the years. In the midst of the years make it known. In wrath, please remember mercy.

We pray for **Bellevue** Baptist Church, Bellevue Bella Vista, and all the Bible-believing, Christ-honoring churches in Cordova, Memphis, Shelby County, and the Mid-South. We pray that all of these churches will be houses of prayer and worship. We pray that the pastors of these churches will live Godly, Christ-honoring lives and will preach the Word of God without compromise. We pray that these churches will become a house of prayer for all the nations.

We pray that You will allow **Memphis** to be the epicenter of a great revival and spiritual awakening that will spread across this nation like a spiritual tsunami. O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from America. Forgive us of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers and our leaders. O God, listen to the prayers of Your servants and to our supplications.

For Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine upon Your desolate sanctuaries. O God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations. We are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O our God, do not delay, because we Your people are crying out to You, beseeching You to send revival to Your people in this land in our day. Do it for Your Glory. Do exceeding, abundantly beyond all we can ask or think.

This is our humble and earnest prayer. In Jesus name, Amen!