

When the Saints Pray

Our prayers of intercession, travailing and pleading the case of another, or of oneself, is what God needs in order to work on behalf of mankind. He needs someone that will make up the hedge and stand in the gap: **And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it...** Ezekiel 22:30

For instance, as the Holy Spirit, through the apostle Paul said in 1 Timothy 2:1-8, **I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.**

...for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Isaiah 66:8

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37, 38

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18

From these scriptures alone, we begin to see how much the responsibility lies upon mankind - *primarily the body of Christ* - of whether a nation rises or falls, or has the move of God or not. We can see that God is not really the one controlling earth the way some of our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord believe and would have us believe. It is unscriptural to say, pertaining to our lives and to this earth, that God is in control. *But just look at some people!* They're totally out of control of themselves, and are being controlled by evil forces. They say, "*Whatever will be, will be...whatever happens is His will.*"

The body of Christ needs to begin to see and learn that she holds the awesome responsibility of how the nation and the people of that nation go (*If My people who are called by My Name shall humble themselves and pray...*). Prayer changes things that were destined to happen through sin and disobedience to God's laws. We are admonished to pray for our nation and its leaders, so it will be peaceable, and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem so we will prosper. And, when we pray and intercede, according to Romans 8:26&27, God will bless us according to verse 28, by working out everything for our good! I don't mean this disrespectfully to prayer or to God, but it is as if God pays us back for praying and interceding for others. In James 5:16-20, He said to *pray for others the we may be healed*: **Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.**

We need to pray for our political leaders daily, and in addition to that, we need to pray for the nations of the world, that God will send forth laborers into those nations. We need to pray for our leaders that they make the right decisions for our nation. Any time God's people begin to pray, especially in the body of Christ, God moves because He's been invited in to demonstrate His power and glory, along with His mercy, grace and compassion.

When you find somebody who is in sin, whether they are a minister or believer, begin to compassionately plead their case and pray that their eyes be opened and that they come to

themselves and back to God. We need to pray for President Obama every day, Vice President Biden, the senators and congressmen, the legislators, the supreme court and governors, mayors, police force, the armed forces, along with the CIA and FBI. These people need to be prayed for so that God can work to cause things to go in favor of the church. I don't believe that you are going to accomplish anything with carnal weapons, but with prayer in the Name of Jesus, and praying God's Word and in the Holy Ghost, you are coming against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and wicked spirits in heavenly places. And, you are allowing God to move in this earth.

God owns the earth and the fullness thereof. But He delegated the responsibility of running this earth over to mankind in Genesis 1:26-28: **And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**

Christians can get all hyped-up over things that are going on in the school systems, supreme court, white house, movies, music or babies being aborted, etc. All of this will go on until the body of Christ picks up the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God in the Name of Jesus, and put time in intercession. You are not going to accomplish anything by bashing the politicians or by preaching fear and judgment. If you recall, it's just been a few years since these same people were having others store up food and batteries for the Y2K crisis. The woes and doom and fear tactics were just one way of merchandising the gospel. It gets everybody over into fear and unbelief, especially the church. If people in the body of Christ would just take the time out every day that they normally listen to talk radio, the news (*whether it is Christian or secular*), and put that time in prayer, they'd see a drastic difference. In your drive time and commutes to work or running errands, praying in tongues would make a big difference on both the individual and the nation.

The church has really tried to do everything except what God said to do, which was PRAY. It doesn't make a difference how evil people think a politician is, if we would just pray earnestly, fervently, perseveringly, whole-heartedly and not nonchalantly, or half-heartedly, God could start moving. He'll do a much better job of changing things around than we could do with all the picketing and protesting we ever did.

Do you remember the story Jesus told in Luke 18:1-8? **And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.**

Jesus, teaching on prayer, gives the illustration about the judge who feared not God, neither regarded man (*so this man's about as heartless as one can be*), but because of one widow woman's pleas and petitions, the man granted her request. Jesus said that *God shall avenge His own elect who cry unto Him day and night (from Luke 18:7)*. When we pray day and night, night and day, God will come in overnight and wipe out any abortion or any evil thing that is going on. *With men it is impossible, but not with God, for with God, all things are possible (from Mark 10:27)*. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He said, He said that *if you'd believe, you'd see the glory of God (from John 11:40)*.

We all need to start out every day and do what God asks us to do. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

If you were the president, faced with all the pressures and problems of running the nation and the world, wouldn't you like to go to bed tonight and get up tomorrow knowing that all the body of Christ is praying for you? Just that alone, even if you were not saved, would be a comfort in itself. No matter who you are, whether you're the president of the United States, or the guy shining shoes on the street corner, you need prayer, and you need God.

I'm believing for a great move of God in America and in all the nations of the world - one like mankind has never seen or witnessed, and it all starts out with each one of us going to our place of prayer and petitioning God, **for as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children...and as the apostle Paul said, I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you** (Galatians 4:19).

So you see, prayer brings sinners in to receive the new birth, and praying for baby Christians helps them to grow and develop spiritually. Our God is so powerful, that with a widow woman's petition, He was able to change an unjust judge. After all, if He changed us when people prayed that we'd be saved (*you know someone did; whether you know who they were or not is irrelevant*) - He can change anyone when the saints pray.

So, let's pick up the slack and take on our responsibility as believers and begin to pray for those who are in authority and for all men. And as the apostle Paul said, **I cease not to give thanks for you, making mention for you in my prayers** (Ephesians 1:16). For, if the church will pray, we will see the glory of God in manifestation in our generation.

A Prayer for America

Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus to pray and intercede on behalf of the people of America. You said, **I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:1-4).**

God, I believe You raised our nation up for the purpose of financing and preaching the gospel to all the world. There's still much more for our nation to do to bring in the end-time harvest and to help the people of the world. One of these things is being a living example of one nation under God and being a visible witness and testimony to all the world.

I thank You for all the privileges and freedoms that we have in our nation. Jesus said, **...Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you** (John 16:23). I'm asking You to give our leaders wisdom, knowledge, and direction, as well as to protect them

and our nation from any ungodly teachings or influences. I'm also asking that the gospel be proclaimed throughout all of our nation, as well as from our nation to the whole world.

God, Jesus said, **...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...** (John 14:9). Jesus never hurt or harmed anyone, but He came to reveal the Father God to us. He said He didn't come to condemn, but to save. So I thank You for Your grace, mercy, and compassion on and toward America. I thank You that You're not punishing, judging, or condemning America, but Satan **...cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...** (John 10:10). Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. You've blessed us, so we can be a blessing to all the world, because You're a good God. You said, **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning** (James 1:17).

I pray that every day, more Americans are receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior and walking in the fulness of God and fulfilling the Great Commission. I thank You for divine protection over every U.S. citizen in our nation and abroad, over every foreign visitor, over our government, and our armed forces. And, if the devil has anything planned that we're not aware of, I pray that it is exposed and revealed by the power of the Holy Spirit. **For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad** (Mark 4:22).

I thank You that every church in America becomes a house of prayer; that revival sweeps across America and around the world; that all decisions made in our Congress, Supreme Court, and Senate are based upon Your Word and prayer; that our economy flourishes; that we prosper abundantly, and that all nations see us as a blessed and delightsome land.

I pray that we always help protect Israel and Jerusalem; that we always feed the hungry and poor of this world and have a giving heart. I pray that we always do those things which are pleasing in Your sight. I pray that we, as the body of Christ, are doing our part in travailing, interceding, and pleading our cause, and that each one of us is an able minister of the New Covenant.

I pray that the religious leaders of our nation, and all the body of Christ, begin to see and have the revelation that we're no longer under the Old Covenant, but under a New Covenant, and that we walk in the fulness of our New Covenant authority and power.

I ask You to forgive us of all our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I pray that we fulfill the plan and purpose for which You established us as a nation, and that we always trust in You and put You first.

Thank You, Father God, for sparing and saving America; and most of all, thank You God, for making Jesus Lord over the United States of America. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Satan, I come against you in the Name of Jesus, and with the written Word of God. According to Matthew 18:18, I bind you from the United States of America, in Jesus' Name. I refuse to let You have my country! I'm a child of God and I have authority over you. You are a defeated enemy and you're under my feet. Jesus has given His Name to me, the Name which is above every name. And, in and through the Name of Jesus and the written Word of God, you cannot attack my nation's economy, the people of this nation, or me, or my family, for I forbid it! It's written, **Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world** (1 John 4:4). I refuse to let you steal, kill, or destroy in the United States of America, in Jesus' Name.

Praying the 91st Psalm over America

(Adapted from the 91st Psalm)

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

America will say of the LORD, You are our refuge and our fortress: our God; in You will we trust.

Surely You shall deliver us from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. You shall cover us with Your feathers, and under Your wings shall we trust: Your truth shall be our shield and buckler.

We shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at our side, and ten thousand at our right hand; but it shall not come nigh us. Only with our eyes shall we behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because we have made the LORD, which is our refuge, even the most High, our habitation; There shall no evil befall us, neither shall any plague come nigh our dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways. They shall bear us up in their hands, lest we dash our foot against a stone. We shall tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shall we trample under feet.

Because America hath set her love upon me, therefore will I deliver her: I will set her on high, because she hath known My Name. She shall call upon Me, and I will answer her: I will be with her in trouble; I will deliver her, and honour her. With long life will I satisfy her, and shew her My salvation.

I look forward to sharing with you tomorrow.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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