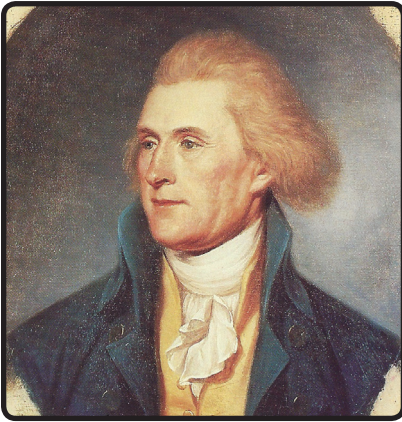


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"Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21

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In 1791, while serving as Secretary of State under George Washington, forty-eight year-old Thomas Jefferson sat for this life portrait by Charles Wilson Peale in Philadelphia. Artist and subject were lifelong friends, sharing common interests in science and the fine arts. When the oil painting was completed, it hung in the Peale Museum among many other distinguished portraits. In the summer of 1800, it was moved to Independence Hall. The painting is now in the Independence National Historical Park Collection, Philadelphia.

Thomas Jefferson's words inscribed on the Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C. are much needed in our day.

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever."

Defilement

There is a God in Heaven. He is still on His throne. He has not abdicated. He sees and hears. He knows. What He saw on earth in the last years of Judah's history was defilement and moral decay. Read it for yourself in **Ezekiel 22**. Read how a people profaned God. Not only the people, but the leaders — prophets, priests, princes. Sins (I counted fifteen) are listed. "Abominations" defiled the land. Compare these with America. No reasonable person would argue that there is no defilement in our land.

God prefaced the message that Ezekiel was to deliver with striking words. "Son of man, say to her: 'You are a land that is not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation'" (**Ezekiel 22:24**). After addressing the matter of Israel's wicked leaders, God reminded the people what He had done: "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." Therefore I have poured out my indignation on them" (**vv 30-31**).

We all agree that gaps and breaches in the wall need to be repaired. "Standing in the gap" is a metaphor for committed intercessors. There is a gap between God and man that an intercessor tries to repair. God is not looking for new methods or programs. God is looking for someone to stand in the gap. One person could make a difference and you could be that person. Will you say, "Yes, I will be an intercessor for my family, friends and nation?"

A REMINDER AND A CALL TO ACTION

I will make Samaria a heap of rubble, a place for planting vineyards. I will pour her stones into the valley and lay bare her foundations. All her idols will be broken to pieces.

Micah 1:6-7 NIV

I love America. I want my nation to be strong and stable. I want it to be right, not wrong. God has poured out blessings of liberty and abundance as has never been known by any nation before. God has blessed America your land and my land beyond measure.

A firm foundation. There is no doubt that a nation is a reflection of the values of the people. Evidence is abundant that from the very beginning the founding fathers and other leaders were influenced by what is known as Judeo-Christian values which are laid out quite succinctly in the Word of God. For over two centuries, those values have provided the firm foundation and moral fiber needed for our free society. In our homes, our schools, and our culture overall, we knew what was right and what was wrong and taught our children accordingly.

A nation under attack. There is abundant evidence that many Americans no longer hold those values. We are in a spiritual war that appears to have accelerated during the past four decades. The moral boundaries of our society have been shrinking. Sins once publicly decried are now portrayed as normal behavior. Unless Christians wake up and take a stand, unless our voice is heard, God will surely act against our country to judge us according to our conduct and repay us for all our detestable practices (**Ezekiel 7:8**).

Any nation that rejects the knowledge of the Lord loses its moral fiber and has no means of support when trouble comes. This is true of individuals also. The standard definition of

*Nation's future in our hands
Folded hands in prayer.*

In May 1993, headlines in the Murfreesboro (TN) newspaper heralded the news that there would be no prayer in the graduation ceremonies at local high schools. Just prior to that, Nashville papers reported that prayer was removed from the commencement services at Tennessee State University due to the objection of a Hindu professor. On May 25, our pastor, Don Edwards, responded in **The Messenger**, our weekly church newsletter.

Our greatest challenge as a nation is before us. Somehow we have moved from protecting the individual's right to worship as he sees fit, to protecting the public from anything Christian. That is not what our founding fathers intended! We have forgotten that we were founded as a Christian nation. God's laws were the basis for most of our laws. James Madison was quoted as saying, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

There now seems to be groups of people who want to remove any and all acknowledgement of God and His influence in our nation. The truth is, our decline as a nation began when those efforts started. A nation cannot ignore God and expect to be blessed. We are now leading the western world in violent crimes, divorce, teen pregnancies, abortions, illegal drug use, and illiteracy.

The ironic thing is that the one thing that could turn this around is the very

moral fiber is strength of character, firmness of purpose, resolution, or toughness of spirit a description of Americans over the years.

Satan is out to destroy America, the nation that sends out missionaries to the world. He has mobilized his forces (many in the highest levels of government, education, the media, in literature, in the arts and other aspects of society) for the battle and is unrelenting in his assaults. The principles and bases for our orderly society under God are under systematic attack as never before. The attack is evident in the government, in education, in the media, in literature, and in the arts. We have allowed the termites to gain entrance and they are working away. The result is not pretty.

We have turned from the godly principles handed down to us and have audaciously turned our back on God's law by every imaginable immorality, perversion, vice, and crime. With our own eyes, we see the consequences. Unless the trend changes, one can only imagine the result.

When the Senate by a vote of 57 to 41 upheld the President's veto of a bill to ban partial birth abortions, a procedure was approved which actually murders the fetus seconds before birth is completed. One Senator observed that the vote could well be the beginning of the end of our civilization. That is strong language, indeed, but can easily be supported by the Scripture.

Concern. To say that America has a serious problem is not speculation. It is a fact. There is no doubt that many thoughtful Christians and some citizens who are not avowed Christians are deeply concerned about the deep erosion of moral and ethical values. While it is clear the people of God must not look to the secular government to advance the cause of the Gospel, we should not be mistreated and looked upon as second-class citizens.

thing that is under attack now. Prayer is our only hope. Not a watered down prayer that acknowledges nothing. A pray of recognition to the Almighty God, Creator of the Universe, and Judge of us all is the only thing that is going to save us.

We must ask again what Abraham Lincoln asked: Not is God on our side, but are we on God's side? We who are Christians must take a stand. Prayer must be important in all our lives. We must not be asked to pray in public. People in restaurants need to see that prayer is important to us. People at work need to know prayer is our way of life. And yes, young people, you can pray in school. Bow your head before a test or a sporting event. Acknowledge that God is the source of all even when you are eating in the school cafeteria. We can make a difference. We may have to be bolder than we have been in the past. The stakes are high. Our nation's future is in our hands folded — hands in prayer.

Insight from Micah. When God told the prophet Micah that he would soon judge Samaria and Jerusalem for their sins (**Micah 1:1-7**), he wept and mourned (**vv 8-9a**). As you know, a literary device often found in the Bible is using capital cities to represent nations. Thus, Damascus represents Syria, Ninevah represents Assyria, and here Samaria represents the whole of Israel (the northern kingdom), and Jerusalem all of Judah (the southern kingdom).

Beyond this, there is more implied in this simple literary device. The capital city was the residence of the rulers, the royal family and the aristocracy, who established policy and set the moral, as well as the political tone, of the nation. In this regard, the character of the nation could be summed up by the capital city. Consequently, many of a prophet's condemning words were directed toward capital cities and their inhabitants.

A debate is raging throughout the United States during this election season

about whether the personal philosophy and views of a candidate for political office should be examined in this campaign. What a foolish question. Of course, it should be because the personal and social morality of individuals who lead any government will have a dramatic impact, not only by the examples they set, but also on the legislation passed. The private lives of those who serve in any branch of government executive, legislative, or judicial at any level of government (federal, state, or local) reflects their core values that will impact their decision-making and ultimately color the moral climate of their constituency. We can no longer excuse views that are contrary to what is right.

Micah's focus on Samaria and Jerusalem reminds us that we must examine the private lives and personal convictions of candidates for office. It is our duty to lay aside political considerations and vote accordingly. A Christian is responsible for each vote cast. History is replete with examples where one vote made a difference.

Why is it important that a nation has godly leaders? Micah points out that ungodly leaders surrender their greatest resource. Micah said that when trouble comes *they will cry out to the LORD, but He will not answer them (Micah 3:4)*. The leader whose motives and actions are pure can call on God, and expect Him to answer. This is the need of the hour in America.

Steps a Christian can take. What can one Christian do when the need is so great? There are three things we can clearly do if we will.

1. Be an intercessor for the nation. One of the saddest verses in the Bible is **Isaiah 59:16**: *And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor.* An intercessor is one who stands between God and people or between God and

circumstances or between God and a nation. The picture is God in Heaven and people on earth with a believer interceding serving as a go between, which is the primary meaning of the word *intercessor* (from two Latin words which, put together, means a go between). America needs prayer.

It is important to remember, however, that simply being a Christian does not put a person on praying ground. If there are unconfessed, unforsaken sins, God will not respond to our praying (**Psalm 66:18, Isaiah 59:1-2**). What can you and I do to help our nation? We can be right with God and become a vessel He can use. It is then that we can be the man who stands in the gap (**Ezekiel 22:30**) and the watchman on the wall who never holds his peace day nor night (**Isaiah 62:6-7**).

Through prayer, you and I can have an important part in changing the nation for God. The key to bringing healing to a nation is in the hands of God's people (**2 Chronicles 7:14**). Therefore, we should direct our prayers that spiritual awakening and renewal will come to believers. Pray for conviction to come which is the work of the Holy Spirit as He takes the Word of God and applies it. Pray that God's people will get into the Word and let God speak through His Word.

One major barrier to spiritual awakening is that few believers pay attention to the Word of God; most grossly ignore the Word. Pray that God's people will **repent** (change their minds about sin) and **confess** their specific sins by agreeing with God saying the same thing about them that He says. Pray that God's people will be clean before Him which will place them in a position for spiritual revival to come. BACK TO THE BIBLE IS A MUST FOR GOD'S PEOPLE if healing is to come to the nation.

2. Become a soul winner. Jesus said that Christians are both salt and light

(Matthew 5:13-16). Salt adds flavor, preserves, heals, and makes one thirsty. Light dispels darkness and gives direction. There are millions of avowed Christians in the United States. It is obvious that when a person turns from darkness to light and receives Christ as personal Savior and Lord, the nation will be stronger. It is easy to condemn the humanists and the atheists. It is easy to castigate the ungodly. How much better it would be to pray for their salvation and witness to them about what Christ has done in our lives. My challenge is to start with your own family. Each person is of infinite worth and value to God. Each has unique potential for either good or evil. The more salt and light we have, the stronger the nation will be!

3. Become an active citizen who casts a vote. We have an important election before us in a few days. Because of the deterioration of America's morals and values, I have come to believe that this election is one of the most crucial our nation has ever faced in my lifetime. Let me tell you why.

Polls are taken every day and reported to the American people. Several have indicated that those polled stated that morality and ethics do not matter to them as for whom they would cast their votes. That is serious, indeed!

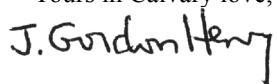
Christian citizen, your vote counts—not only the vote of your life and conduct, but your political ballot as well. As we enter this decisive phase of history, we need to lay aside politics and pray for the wisdom and guidance of God. I believe we need to make our choices for this election on our knees. It is only when we have God's wisdom and guidance that we can accurately assess those running for office and look beyond the catchwords and sound-bites. We can then vote for the candidates whose political ambitions and aptitudes are matched by moral qualities and personal integrity.

As American citizens, we have the right and the responsibility to vote. What a privilege it is to step into a voting booth, pull a curtain of privacy around us, and cast the ballot according to our conscience without fear of harassment or reprisal. That is America.

As we vote, we vote for ourselves, our nation, our children, our grandchildren, and for people around the world who look to the United States for moral leadership. Your vote counts. What difference will one vote make? Some crucial elections have been won by one vote. Back in 1948, Harry Truman won the presidency as he carried the key states of California and Ohio by less than one vote per precinct. A senator from North Dakota was elected by a margin of less than one vote for every two precincts. I believe it is the duty of every Christian to register and vote, no matter which candidate you choose. Your one vote does count.

Let me explain why it would be wrong for you to not vote. Someone said, Bad officials are elected by good people who don't vote. This echoes the wise words of Edmund Burke: All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

Let's not give up on America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. What can we do? We can pray. We can win others. Let's do it.

Yours in Calvary love,


**GOD BLESS THE
USA!**

Becoming a Christian

How can you? First, recognize that you have sinned (Romans 3:23); ask for God's forgiveness; and finally, believe that Jesus is God's only Son. By doing so, you can receive Him into your life as your Lord and Savior and spend eternity with God in Heaven.

Won't you pray the prayer below in sincerity and faith, to receive Jesus into your heart today?

God, I know I am a sinner and desperately need forgiveness for my sins. I understand that I can only receive this forgiveness through Your Son, Jesus, Who died for my sins and rose from the dead that I might spend all of eternity with You in Heaven. Right now I ask Jesus into my life to be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

A prayer at day's end

O Lord my God, thank You for bringing this day to a close; thank You for giving me rest in body and soul. Your hand has been over me and has guarded and preserved me. Forgive my lack of faith and any wrong that I have done today and help me to forgive all who have wronged me.

Let me sleep in peace under Your protection, and keep me from temptations of darkness. Into Your hands I commend my loved ones and all who dwell in this house. I commend to You my body and soul. O God, Your holy name be praised.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In His Image

Guide us, teach us, and strengthen us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, until we become such as Thou wouldst have us be: pure, gentle, truthful, courteous, generous, dutiful, useful, and above all valiant in all our doings; for Thy honor and glory. Amen.

Charles Kingsley



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2111. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Note 2112. Character flaws can be changed with the Lord's help since He is in the character-changing business.

Note 2113. When Christ reigns in a person's life, whatever the outward strife, there will be peace within.

Note 2114. Hidden in a Christian's heart, beyond the reach of circumstances, there is a garden to which we can retreat, and there find rest.

Note 2115. Try the Man of Galilee; Try Him, try Jesus. Jesus is still the answer and His way is revealed in the Bible.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

August 6-24, 2012

Regular	36	\$3,217.00
South Africa	<u>30</u>	<u>3,108.00.00</u>
Total	66	\$6,325.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!

Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

RETURN TO CUBA
November 15-30, 2012

PRAYER CALENDAR**OCTOBER 2012***"I will give myself to prayer..."***Psalm 109:4b****MONDAY, OCTOBER 1****MATT 1-4 (Lebanon 4.1M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
 Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**MATT 5-7 (Libya 6.6M)**

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Consuela Baker (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3**MATT 8-11 (Liechtenstein 35,236)**

Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**MATT 12-15 (Lithuania 3.5M)**

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)
 Bob Bouchard (KY)
 William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Jim & Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**MATT 16-19 (Luxembourg 503,302)**

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Mary Ann Brown (CA)
 Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)
 Arretta Bruce (TN)
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
 Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Carol Buck (NJ)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**MATT 20-23 (Macau 15.5M)**

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 James Burk (IL)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Mary Campbell (ID)
 Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)
 Manship Chapel (DE)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Margarie Coffee (VA)
 Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
 Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Beverly Curtis (PA)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**MATT 24-25 (Kyrgyzstan 5.6M)**

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Ida J. Davis (GA)
 John & Margaret Davis (VA)
 Lelia Dean (FL)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Ivy Early (NC)
 Walt Edwards (NC)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9**MATT 26-28 (Macedonia 2.1M)**

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
 Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Robert & Sara George (GA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10**MARK 1-3 (Madagascar 21.9M)**

Gloucester Co. Community Church
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Sam & Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Tim & Merry Gregory (Taiwan)

Charles Hale (VA)

George & Joy Harper (VA)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**MARK 4-7 (Malawi 15.9M)**

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Jim & Joyce Hengoed (FL/CT)
 Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)
 Doug Henry (TN)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Jamey Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12**MARK 8-10 (Malaysia 28.7M)**

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**MARK 11-13 (Malawi 15.9M)**

Wilbert & Almarett Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)
 H. J. Hutchins (LA)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
 Gene & Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Millicent John (NY)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Richard & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 Robert/Rhonda Johnson (FL)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James & Geneieve Jones (FL)
 Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Jean Jonte (SC)
 Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15**MARK 14-16 (Malaysia 28.7M)**

Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)
Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
Sherry Klutz (WA)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

LUKE 1-2 (Maldives 394,999)

Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)
Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

LUKE 3-6 (Mali 14.2M)

Liberty University (VA)
Jerry Falwell Jr., President
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
Manship Chapel (DE)
Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
Dan Martin (VA)
Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

LUKE 7-8 (Malta 408,333)

Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
John/Egberta McSween (Trinidad)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Memorial Christian Church (VA)
Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

LUKE 9-12 (Marshall Is 67,182)

Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

LUKE 13-15 (Mauritania 3.3M)

Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA)
French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Katherine Morgan (VA)
Elaine Moser (MN)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)

Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
Ann Palumbo (PA)
Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
Mildred Pittman (NC)
Ben Poplin (VA)
Ayers Porter (TN)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22
LUKE 16-18 (Mauritius 1.3M)
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
John Reed (NH)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

LUKE 19-21 (Mexico 113.7M)

Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
Sandra Rumore (VA)
Denise Russell (OR)
Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
John Saint (PA)
Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

LUKE 22-24 (Micronesia 106,836)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)
Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
Wonsub/Young Mi Sheen (Korea)
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
Eric Farel, Pastor (VA)
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

JOHN 1-2 (Moldova 4.3M)

Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
Mary Skiles (KS)
Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

JOHN 3-5 (Monaco 30,539)

Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)

William Suttles (NC)
Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)
William Stroman, Pastor
Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Earleen Thigpen (TN)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

JOHN 6-8 (Mongoliz 3.1M)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D & Jackie Thomason (TN)
Montez Thompson (CO)
Paula Tipton (Thailand)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)
Bruce & Vickie Tribbett (DE)
Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Keith & Doris Snyder Verrell (FL)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

JOHN 9-12 (Montenegro 661,807)

Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
Kay Warmerdam (TX)
Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

JOHN 13-17 (Montserrat)

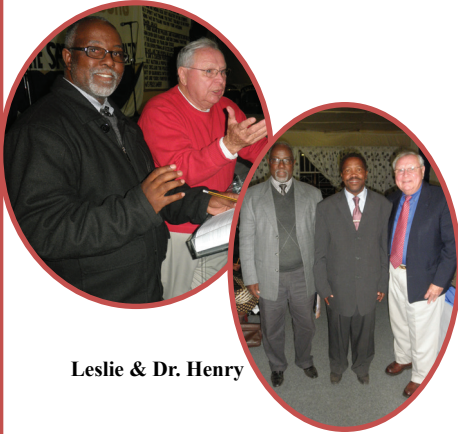
George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

JOHN 18-21 (Morocco 3.2M)

Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
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Thank you

Perhaps one of the strongest aspects of a prayer seminar in another nation is the provision of the prayer seminar workbook, usually in the language of the people. Little did I know when I wrote the copy for weekly lessons on prayer to prepare our people for a 24/7 prayer chapel ministry that the result would be a prayer seminar workbook used by God's children around the world.

We are grateful to our **Doorkeepers** and other partners who provide prayer and financial support for the international seminars. As "sowers" and "reapers," we rejoice together and anticipate a fruitful cycle of sowing and reaping as long as the Lord opens doors and provides a measure of health. The ten prayer seminars in South Africa afforded an opportunity to touch lives and churches. "O give thanks to the Lord for He is good" (**Psalms 118:1**).



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RETURN TO CUBA

November 15-30, 2012

"I must say something! I was one of the seventy!"--saved in January 1960 during my first visit to Cuba.



Placetras, Cuba 9-26-10

PRAY FOR US

One Nation Under God

Historical revisionists have for a long time tried to deny or obscure the fact that our nation was founded upon belief in God. These quotations are PROOF that our forefathers, including the framers of the Constitution, never intended a separation of GOD and STATE.

1620 The Mayflower Compact. “In the name of God, Amen, Having undertaken for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith . . . do . . . solemnly and mutually in the presence of God covenant and combine ourselves together.”

1643 Constitution of the New England Confederation. “Whereas we all come into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the Liberties of the Gospel in purity with peace.”

1681 William Penn. “If you are not governed by God, you will be ruled by tyrants.”

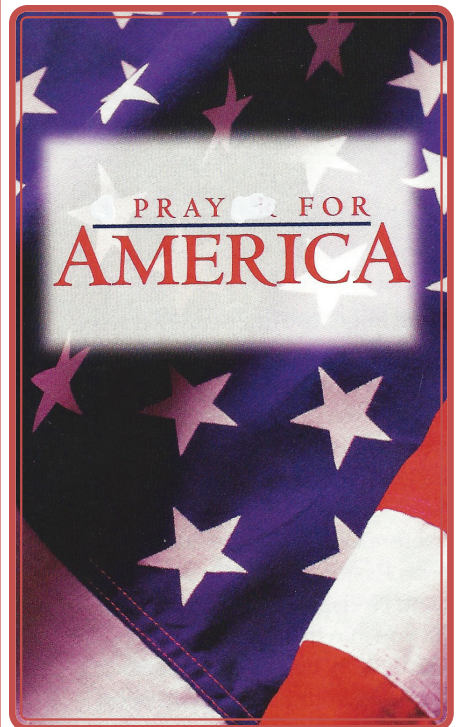
1752 Liberty Bell Inscription. “Leviticus 25:10 Proclaim Liberty through- the land to all its inhabitants .”

1772 Samuel Adams. “The rights of the Colonists as Christians . . . may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institution of the great Law Give and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament.”

1776 Declaration of Independence. “. . . the laws of Nature and of Nature’s God . . . that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with

certain inalienable rights . . . appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions . . . with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence . . . “

1787 Benjamin Franklin. “Here is my creed. I believe in one God, the creator of the Universe. That he governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshipped.” In the Constitutional Convention: “I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth . . . that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without this aid?”

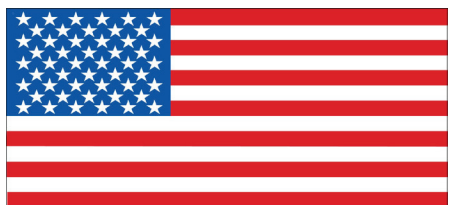


1787 Alexander Hamilton. Soon after the Constitutional Convention: “For my own part, I sincerely esteem it a system which without the finger of God, never could have suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests.”

1789 George Washington. Thanksgiving Day Proclamation: “Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection aid and favors . . . Now, therefore, do I assign and recommend Thursday, the 26th of November next . . . that we may then all united in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.”

1820 Daniel Webster (in Plymouth, Massachusetts): “. . . more than all, a government and a country were to commence, with the very first foundations laid under the divine right of the Christian religion . . . Who would wish that his country’s existence had otherwise begun? Let us not forget the religious character of our origin.”

1821 (July 4) John Quincy Adams. “From the day of the Declaration . . . They [the American people] were bound by the laws of the Gospel, which they nearly all, acknowledged as the rules of their conduct.”



1861 Abraham Lincoln. Farewell words in Springfield, Illinois, February 11: “Unless the great God who assisted him [George Washington] shall be with me and in me, I must fail; but if the same omniscient mind and mighty arm that directed and protected him shall guide and support me, I shall not fail I shall succeed. Let us all pray that the God of our fathers may not forsake us now.”

1863 Abraham Lincoln (Gettysburg Address). “That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

1892 U. S. Supreme Court. Supreme Court Justice Brewer, delivering the opinion of the Court (143 V.S. 457) stated: “These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation.”

1913 (July 4) Woodrow Wilson. “Here is the nation God has built by our hands.”

1931 (March 3) National Anthem adopted by Congress. “The Star Spangled Banner closes: Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just. And this be our Motto ‘In God is our Trust.’”

1954 (June 14) Pledge of Allegiance. Words “under God” adopted by Congress: “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” Adopted as national motto of the United States by a joint resolution of Congress on July 20, 1956.

A PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Is there hope for America? Will we become the great nation that we are capable of becoming? Or will we slip deeper and deeper into moral and spiritual decline?

The good news is that there is hope for America! But only if we humbly bow before God in prayer and confession as Pastor Joe Wright did before the State house in Topeka, Kansas.

Will you join in this profound, insightful prayer? When we truly pray this prayer in believing faith we and our nation will never be the same.

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says “Woe to those who call evil good,” but that’s exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values. We confess that:

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it moral pluralism. We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversions and called it alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and

called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbors’ possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. I ask it in the name of Your Son, the Living Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Do you know the God to whom this prayer is directed? Through Christ, God Himself has provided the way to eternal life. Do you know “the Living Savior, Jesus Christ?” There is only one true God, and no one can truly know God except through His Son, Jesus Christ (John 14:6)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved: (John 3:16-17).

Please read **HOW TO BE SAVED** on page six, column one. There is nothing more important today than your salvation. Not only is America’s future at stake, but your eternity as well.

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