# March Edition: How to Pray for America



## **America Needs the Lord**

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

#### -President Ronald Reagan

Perhaps you feel discouraged. Our country's division, derision, and misdirection really cause many Christian hearts to grieve for America. Yes, it truly grieves our hearts. We hear from many Americans who feel discouraged and depressed. We certainly understand why. But there is hope!

Be encouraged: God can turn this country around. "In God We Trust" remains a must -no matter how we feel. When America was founded, it seemed impossible. Yet God opened doors and guided men (in spite of themselves) to

#### This Month's Bible Verse

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

#### **Featured Quote**

provide a safe haven. We must remember that, with God, all things are possible!

Yet we didn't say that. Jesus did: "But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matt.19:26)

Supporting Godly people who run for office is good. But we cannot allow ourselves to put faith in a candidate or cause more than in Christ.

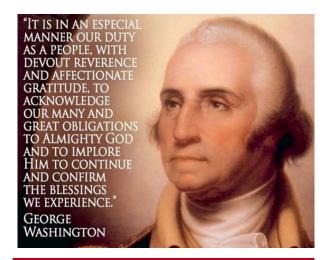
Instead of placing your faith in a presidential candidate, Congress, group, or leader, choose to trust in Jesus today. When you take your burdens to Him, He carries them, He carries you, and He gives you what it takes to emerge victorious. During this time of turmoil, keep your trust in Jesus.

We challenge you to join us in earnest prayer for America. Pray that our nation will turn back to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Concurrently, continue to vote and be active in civics. *Prayer coupled with action are important for our future*. Click here to see how you can get involved and read our book, Unite the USA. Join our prayer site at <a href="https://www.PrayingPals.org">www.PrayingPals.org</a>. And pray from your heart.

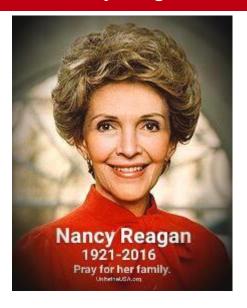
This month's featured article by Dr. Adrian Rogers is called *How to Pray for America*. It is our hope that this article will spur you on to sincerely pray for the USA. Never underestimate the power of prayer. The Lord listens to His people. Keep praying and keep asking Him for help, mercy, and redemption for America.

Pray and persevere because Jesus is near...whether you feel it or not. He said, "I am with you always..." That includes now, fellow Christian Americans. That includes now. Let's pray:

"Heavenly Father,



# In Memory of Nancy Reagan



Our prayers and sympathy go to the Reagan family. We post this video in memory of both Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It's touching to see them dance together in this video. Tonight, they're together again...perhaps they're dancing. We miss them...

We thank You for being You. Thank You, Jesus, that You promised to always be with those who know You. We love You and thank You for being so patient and gracious with us and with our country. Lord, we ask You to please draw our nation back to Yourself. We humble ourselves and confess our sins, too. We repent. Please forgive us and help us to forgive others while continuing to promote righteousness. Help us to live and love like You. We pray for deliverance from evil. protection, revival, and a great turning of hearts to You. Please use us, Jesus. We praise You and thank You for bearing our burdens. We lean on You now. We praise You!

In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Persevering with prayer, Carrie and Stacie Stoelting

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In January 1779 during the War of Independence, Sunbury, Georgia was burned by the British. At that time, Lyman Hall's family fled to the North. They stayed there until the British left in 1782. At the end of the war, Hall returned to Georgia where he settled in Savannah. By January 1783, he was elected governor. Hall served as governor for one year during which time he advocated the chartering of a state university. Ultimately, his efforts led to the creation of the University of Georgia in 1785. Lyman Hall believed especially believed that religious education would result in a more morally upright people.

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# **How to Pray for America**



By Dr. Adrian Rogers www.lwf.org

We hear continually that we must pray for our nation. But what is our first step? Revival prayer. Only prayer can hold back the floodtide of sin and God's judgment upon us. Only prayer and our serious commitment will release the cleansing, healing hand of God.

Have we crossed a deadline in America? Is it too late for our nation? No, absolutely not. God is righteous and holy. But He is also merciful. And He would rather show mercy than judgment. He wants to forgive. He is willing to change His mind (see <a href="Exodus">Exodus</a> 32:14 and Psalm 106:23).

God's Word gives us historical accounts of His mercy, deliverance, and revival among His people. One good example that applies to us today is when Israel had been taken captive by the Babylonians (Babylon is the ancient name for Iraq). In <u>Daniel 9</u> we have a prayer that Daniel offered to God to deliver

#### **Featured Author**



Known for his evangelistic zeal and uncompromising commitment to the Word of God, Adrian Rogers was one of the greatest preachers, respected Bible teachers, and Christian leaders of our time. For over fifty years, he consistently presented the Good News of Jesus Christ with strong conviction, compassion, and integrity.

He was a devoted family man - husband to his childhood sweetheart Joyce, father to four children, grandfather to nine, and great-grandfather to one. Of all his accomplishments, Dr. Rogers often said his greatest joy centered in his relationship to Jesus Christ, his wife and family, and the church he pastored. The recipient of many honors and awards, the trophy he treasured most was one presented to him by his children one Father's Day in which he was proclaimed The World's Greatest Dad.

Under his pastoral leadership, Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, grew from 9,000 members in 1972 to more than 29,000 at his retirement in 2005. And Adrian Rogers was a leader in his denomination, serving three terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

God's blessing on Dr. Rogers' ministry became even more evident with the birth of Love Worth Finding Ministries in 1987. Dr. Rogers was the founder and Bible teacher of Love Worth Finding, the Israelites from their captivity. There is perhaps no better model for how to pray in dire circumstances - such as those we face today - than Daniel's prayer.

#### **Pray with Serious Concentration**

Daniel said, "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes" (<u>Daniel 9:3</u>). To "set our face" refers to the faith and fervency of our prayers. We are to sincerely pray with every inch of our being as individuals and as the church as a whole. But not just any prayer. How serious is "serious"? It must be prayer and fasting.

#### What is fasting?

Fasting is not merely going without food. It is not dieting or cutting down on our eating for health reasons, though we ought to do that. Fasting is going without food, water, or other pleasures for a spiritual purpose.

#### Why do we fast?

We are to fast with the correct motivation...not polishing our spiritual "image" so we look good and "holy," but as unto the Lord. Matthew 6:17-18 says, "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

#### What can fasting do?

Fasting will strengthen your prayer life and turn you to God. When we fast we give Heaven notice that we are earnest about seeking God with all of our heart! Fasting also brings faith into focus and holds back God's judgment.

#### How should we fast?

an internationally syndicated television and radio ministry. The sun never sets on this ministry which is broadcast on radio, television, and the Internet. You can find LWF declaring the Gospel and changing lives in more than 150 countries around the world. In 2003, Dr. Rogers was honored to be inducted into the prestigious Hall of Fame by the National Religious Broadcasters.

Dr. Rogers was active in national leadership and personally consulted and prayed with five presidents of the United States. He visited and had the privilege of sharing the platform with President George W. Bush in the White House on the National Day of Prayer for America.

Dr. Rogers preached overseas crusades in Taiwan, South Korea, Israel, Russia, Romania, and in Central and South America.

In November 2005, God called Adrian Rogers home. Since that time, tributes have poured in testifying of his worldwide impact. For more information, visit www.adrianrogers.org.

#### In God We Still Trust Video

Our country needs to turn to Jesus. Listen to "In God We Still Trust" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight". For hope and encouragement, listen to Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth sing "In God We Still Trust".



First of all, you need to pray about it. Then prayerfully choose your fast. As mentioned earlier, fasting can be going without food, but it can also be going without water or other pleasures for a spiritual purpose. If you're sick, on medication, or pregnant, then talk to your doctor first. There is no legalism in fasting. For some, a fast can be taking juices or clear liquids - the purpose is to give your full attention to prayer and to the issue you are laying before God. And with each twinge of hunger, you are reminded all the more of your purpose - you are reminded to pray. It also frees up more time in your day; time you'd have spent eating will now be spent in focused prayer.

If you have never fasted, a one-day fast is a good beginning. And choose a day when your activities are light, so you can give your time to prayer. Plan ahead of time that you're going to fast.

Finally, remember to fast as instructed in God's Word; that is, don't boast or brag about what you're doing or for what purpose.

#### **Pray with Steadfast Confidence**

The basis of your prayer is the greatness and mercy of God (see <u>Daniel 9:4,9</u>). Daniel knew that our God is One for whom we must have reverential fear and awe, but he also knew that our great God is full of mercy. The psalmist said, "But as for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy: and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple" (<u>Psalm 5:7</u>).

The writer of Hebrews exhorts, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). In Jesus Christ, "we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him." (Ephesians 3:12)

#### **Pray with Sincere Confession**

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Just as sin brings judgment, confession brings forgiveness. Daniel confessed his personal sin *and* the sin of his nation. (Daniel 9:4-7,20)

If we want to see this nation turn toward God, it is vital that each person reading this go individually before God and *confess* personal sin. Thank God, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). There is no sin - none - that is beyond God's forgiveness. Rape. Murder. Pillage. Abortion. Sodomy. Every sin is covered under the blood of Jesus.

Daniel also prayed for God to forgive the sin of the nation collectively. I call this "Identification Repentance." Daniel humbly identified himself with his nation and asked God to have mercy, even though Daniel himself had lived a godly life. You can identify with your nation and do this as well, because the wicked people of this nation are not going to pray for themselves.

We need to confess our pride and materialism, neglect of the poor, our racism, sexual immorality, the merciless killing of the unborn, and the godless humanism that has invaded and pervaded our public schools.

We must pray as our Savior did as He hung on the cross: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (<u>Luke 23:34</u>). Then pray with spiritual concern that they will seek His forgiveness for themselves.

#### **Pray with Spiritual Concern**

What were Daniel's concerns when he prayed?

- The removal of guilt (Daniel 9:16)
- The restoration of glory (Daniel 9:17-19)

We need to pray for God to cleanse us and remove our guilt. Without this, we cannot expect God to bring revival. How I praise

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Oh, that every Christian would have a burning, yearning heart for the glory of God! I want to see God's glory spread over this land. I want to see God do something that cannot be explained by the television pundits, news anchors and newspaper journalists. I want something that cannot be explained by technology, personality, propaganda or persuasion.

It is prayer time in America. I want to ask you, are you on praying ground? <u>James 5:16</u> says: "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."

Prayer is our greatest resource and God is our only true hope. Only prayer can hold back sin and judgment and release the cleansing, healing hand of God. Will you pray?