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AWAKENING IN AMERICA

The greatest need of America is spiritual awakening. One result of the Coronavirus pandemic is that it has shown us our need for spiritual awakening. The fear and panic that swept this nation revealed a lack of trust in the Lord God. It also revealed to us that many are hostile to the church and its witness and worship. This unprecedented situation gave us all the time to reflect and think, helping us to see that we all need a fresh touch from God.

Because of the virus and stay at home orders, we were not able to put out a newsletter for March/April. But, as I spent time in prayer and reflecting on what to put in the newsletter, this thought kept coming to me – awakening in America. This is what I'm praying for. It's what I'd like to challenge you to do. This issue of the newsletter will have various prayer helps to pray for this nation and the awakening we need. Prayer can change people; it can change a nation. If we will seek God, He will hear and touch our nation that desperately needs awakening.

Praying Psalm 12 For Spiritual Awakening

Psalm 12 can furnish you with a model of how you can lead for spiritual awakening in our nation. This psalm contrasts the lying words of men and the pure and faithful Word of God. By praying this psalm, you can plead for the destruction of lies that destroy a nation. You can also pray for the production of a godly foundation for the nation.

You can have a significant impact on your nation. Yet, you must plead for the nation according to the truth of God's Word. This prayer guide is offered to help you intercede for your nation. You can use it or develop your own from it. Yet, the key issue is that you must pray. If God's people do not pray, there is

no hope for a nation. Yet, if God's people will humble themselves before God and cry out to Him, His grace and mercy will flow into, awaken, and protect that nation.

- (1) Pray that God would strengthen and encourage those who are striving to live faithful and godly lives in the nation (**Psalm 12:1**);
- (2) Plead that God would increase the influence of the church in the nation in spite of the rebellion and evil in the society (**Psalm 12:1**);
- (3) Ask God to save and add to the church of Jesus Christ in the nation (**Psalm 12:1**);
- (4) Plead for a return to the truth of God's Word and truthfulness (**Psalm 12:2**);
- (5) Pray that God would humble the boastful and obstinate in the nation (**Psalm 12:3-4**).
- (6) Pray for the restoration of justice in the land (**Psalm 12:5**);
- (7) Plead that believers would build their lives, churches, beliefs, and witness on the Word of God (**Psalm 12:6-7**);
- (8) Ask God to restrain and curb evil men and their devious plots to rebel against God and His Word (**Psalm 12:8**).

Praying For The Work Of The Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the divine agent of spiritual awakening. He is the One who effects this change in

our lives. The following is a prayer guide to help your plead for His work in the nation.

Holy Spirit, I invite You to fill this nation with Your light and power, bringing new life and transformation (**John 6:63**).

Holy Spirit, I plead with You to create within the people of this nation a hunger for God and His Word (**Psalm 42:1-2**).

Holy Spirit, teach the people of this nation about their lostness and their need for the Lord Jesus Christ (**John 14:26**).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You will convict Americans of their sin and lead them to repentance (**John 16:8**).

Holy Spirit, show the people of this nation who Jesus Christ is. Deliver them from false teaching about Him (**John 15:26**).

Holy Spirit, I plead that You will draw the people of America to the Lord Jesus Christ in true faith (**John 6:44**).

Holy Spirit, I pray that the people of this nation will experience eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord (**John 3:3,5**).

Holy Spirit, strengthen the believers in America with Your might and enable them to minister (**Ephesians 5:18**).

Holy Spirit, fill the American believers with Your power and wisdom so that they can speak the Word with boldness and effectiveness (**Acts 4:31**).

Holy Spirit, create within American believers a spirit of prayer for all people and all needs (**Galatians 4:6**).

Holy Spirit, encourage the believers in America and help them grow spiritually and numerically (**Acts 9:31**).

Preaching And Spiritual Awakening

In past spiritual awakenings in America, certain truths were proclaimed with power. These truths were used of God to stir and change the hearts of people. In order to pray for spiritual awakening in this

nation, we can use those truths to plead with God. We can develop our points for pleading with Him for spiritual awakening through these truths. We must pray that these truths will be proclaimed with fresh power, earnestness, and clarity in pulpits across America.

- (1) *The Bible as the sole guide for faith and practice* (**2 Timothy 3:15-4:2; 1 Peter 1:21**). Plead with God to create within the people of this nation a hunger for the Word of God. Pray that people will seek God through His Word. Ask Him to release a spirit of obedience to the Word of God. Plead that this land will be filled with sound, clear preaching of God's Word.
- (2) *The new birth* (**John 3:1-10**). Pray that this truth will be proclaimed with power and clarity. Plead that people will understand the necessity of the new birth. Pray that they will see the insufficiency of religion, morality, and works apart from the inward transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- (3) *Repentance* (**Luke 13:1-3, Luke 15, Acts 17:30**). Plead that this nation will be filled with the clear and uncompromised call to repentance. Pray that the people of this nation will see how evil and destructive that sin is. Ask God to grant this nation a spirit of repentance.
- (4) *Faith alone in Jesus Christ alone* (**John 3:16; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5**). Pray that the message of Jesus Christ as the only Savior will be proclaimed in this nation with fresh power and clarity. Plead with God to exalt His Son in this nation as the only Redeemer and Mediator. Ask that this message will fill the nation.
- (5) *Holiness of life* (**1 Peter 1:15-16; Hebrews 12:14**). Pray that the message of holiness will be declared throughout this message. Plead that God's holiness and His demand for a holy life will resound throughout the nation. Plead that the church will repent and seek holiness with fervor and intensity.

Praying The Lord's Prayer For The Nation

One of the ways that I pray for spiritual awakening in America is by using the Model Prayer. I offer this as a model to help you seek God for this nation. Please feel free to use this or adapt it as you feel led.

Our Father: Father, I plead that the people of America would come to know you as their Father through Jesus Christ. I ask You to turn Americans to Yourself through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and repentance of sins. I plead that You would grant faith and repentance to the people of this nation.

In heaven: O God, cause this nation to recognize that You are the only true God. I ask that America would trust in You, acknowledging Your sovereignty and obeying Your Word. Cause the people of this nation to see the danger and futility of worshipping and pursuing anything or anybody other than You. Cause the people of this nation to forsake their idols and turn to You, the living and the true God.

Hallowed be Your name: I pray that America would honor You as God. I ask that the people of this nation would fear You. Grant us a fresh understanding of and reverence for You. Let our nation act and speak in a way that will glorify You. I ask that this nation will glorify You.

Your kingdom come: I plead that Your kingdom would engulf America. From Maine to California, from Washington to Florida, and all points in between, I plead that millions and millions of people will surrender to Jesus Christ the Lord. I plead that Americans will turn from their sin to Jesus Christ in true faith. I pray that Jesus would reign as Lord in the hearts and lives of Americans.

Your will be done: Father, I pray that Your will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. Grant this nation a sensitivity and submission to Your will. Teach us what Your will is and empower us to walk in obedience to You. Let this nation follow the path ordained by Your good pleasure and will.

Give us our daily bread: Father, thank You for Your merciful blessings on this nation. You have been kind and gracious to America. I pray that You would teach that You are the Fountain and Source of our blessings.

Reveal to us that it is Your blessing that has provided for and sustained this nation. I pray that America will seek You for her needs. Cause the people of this nation to seek You and trust in You and Your goodness.

Forgive us: Father, I pray that You would convict America of its sin. Reveal to us that You are the holy God and that You hate sin. Let these truths be burned on our consciences. Strip away our self-righteousness. Open our eyes that we might see how wicked and abominable that our sin is. I pray that we would turn to You in repentance. I ask that we would confess our sin and cry out to You for forgiveness and restoration.

As we forgive: Father, I ask that You would release a spirit of mercy and forgiveness in this nation. O God, let love, justice, and mercy reign in this land! Through love, justice, and mercy, tear down the barriers that separate people. Grant us a forgiving, merciful spirit. Bring an end to abuse, bloodshed, and violence.

Do not lead us into temptation: Father, I ask that You would give this nation a hatred of sin. Grant us the strength to stand strong against temptation. Empower us to root out and destroy the moral corruption and rot that plagues this nation. I ask that this nation would receive a fresh glimpse and understanding of Your holiness. Create within this country a hungering and thirsting for holiness.

Deliver us: Father, I plead that You would destroy Satan's schemes for this nation. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, I plead that You would destroy the bondage that Satan has enslaved this nation with. In the name of Jesus Christ, destroy the strongholds that he has been able to establish in this country. I plead that You would bind him, his demons, and his work in this nation. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that He would be bound and stopped and that Jesus would be exalted as the only Lord and Savior in our nation.

The kingdom: Father, I ask that Your kingdom would advance throughout this nation. I pray that millions upon millions of people will surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. I plead that nothing will stop the kingdom of God and that it would smash the kingdom of Satan throughout this nation.

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The power: Father, I plead that Your power would flow into this nation as never before in its history. Let Your transforming power flood every inch of this nation. I ask that You would revive Your people through Your almighty power. I plead with You to awaken the lost to You, their sin, and their need of Jesus through Your great power. O God, I pray that You would release Your power into this nation and turn us to Yourself.

The glory: Father, let Your glory shine in this nation. Reveal Yourself to America in fresh and powerful ways. Cause this nation to know that You and You alone are the true and the living God. Show us that You are the great and mighty God of time and eternity.

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