

## God Bless America!

Dear friend and partner,

God said in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, **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.**

One of the ministries God has given you and me as believers, is the ministry of intercession. One of the vital responsibilities we believers have is to intercede for the leaders of our nation. God has a plan for our nation, and that plan is for us to be a delightful land (Malachi 3:12). Satan also has a plan for our nation: it's to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).

When we don't intercede, our nation suffers in many ways. First, it suffers spiritually, and ungodly influences seem to take over. Then, we suffer physically through severe weather, but we also suffer *financially*. For the past several months, it's been so strong in my spirit to intercede for our nation. Satan wants to destroy the United States of America financially, but we cannot just stand by and let it happen!

Everything in this nation needs prayer, and a lot of it! Our government needs prayer, our school systems need prayer, and our corporations need prayer. If we don't want to lose our freedoms, or the benefits and blessings we have in this nation, we must **immediately** begin to intercede as we never have before for America.

One way you can intercede for America is to pray God's Word over our nation. To help you pray the Word over America, I've enclosed a card with this letter that you can use when you start out praying. Side one is entitled, **A Prayer for Those in Authority**, and side two is entitled, **My Declaration of Faith for America**.

Another way you can intercede for America is by praying in the spirit. Romans 8:26-28 says, **Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**

If you're going to pray in the spirit, you could start out by saying, *"God, I don't know exactly what's going on in our nation, but I'm going to trust that the Holy Spirit is going to help me pray and intercede about it."* Then put some quality time and effort into interceding in the spirit for America. In Daniel, chapter 10, Daniel interceded for his nation until God was able to send the answer. It's important that we give thanks for our leaders, and not blame anyone for the problems, but intercede *so God can send the answer to the problem.*

There are a lot of things God wants to do in our nation that will never be consummated, or accomplished if we don't pray them through. We don't want to neglect our spiritual duties and obligations, and the first thing God told us to pray for are those in authority over us. So, I want to encourage you to start out every day by praying and interceding for our nation.

Let's stand together through faith and intercessory prayer and believe God for a miracle of divine intervention in our nation! Pray for the election coming up, that the right people be placed in office, and that our nation takes a **bold** stand for God and the Bible. God bless you.

Your Word of faith pastor,

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