



PRAYING THE  
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**NOTE:** *The following prayer is patterned after Daniel 9. Please feel free to use it as a template for your own prayer for our nation.*

Our Father in Heaven. God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are the Eternal I AM. The One who is age to age the same. There is no shadow of turning with You. You are fully present in every generation—past, present, and future. You are the All-Mighty. Your power has not been deleted or depleted over the millennia of human history. We know that You so loved the world that You gave us Heaven’s treasure when You sent Your only Son to die, so that anyone and everyone who places their faith in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. And we also know that Your great heart of love still longs to pour out Your blessing on America.

In this present worldwide climate of unbridled evil, we are increasingly desperate! Nations are unraveling. Wars are raging. There are rumors of more wars breaking out. Kingdom is rising against kingdom. Our spirits feel the turmoil and agitation that surely is a reflection of the warfare being waged in the invisible realms. We need You! For everything! But our hearts are now burdened for our own nation at this critical, strategic last hour. We are collapsing into moral and spiritual bankruptcy. We are at the tipping point, provoking Your wrath, and ready to plunge into the abyss of Your judgment.

So we humbly turn to You now. This afternoon, we turn away from our responsibilities and routines, our busyness and our business, our own problems and pressures, this seminar and its schedule. We turn away from any self-reliance or self-interests, and we look to You. We run to You. We join together with one heart and one voice to pray for America. You alone are the One who makes us to dwell in safety. You alone are the One who makes us secure. You alone can change the hearts and minds of a people, and alter the course of a nation. You alone are God. And You alone are our God. We turn to You, deeply aware we do not deserve in ourselves to address You, yet boldly confident of access into Your most holy presence through the blood of Your Son and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. And so...

**We pray with confidence**, because You *are* the God of Creation, Lord of the Universe. Elohim. The Strong One. You alone are The LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship You.<sup>1</sup> We sing Your praises, for You are highly exalted. No one is higher than You. You are our strength and our song. Again and again, You have been the salvation of Your people. You have saved us from bondage to the penalty and power of sin, from bondage to fear of death and the grave, from bondage to Satan and evil demonic forces. You alone are able to shatter our enemies and set us free.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power. And in the greatness of Your excellence You overthrow those who rise up against You. You send forth Your burning anger, and it consumes them as chaff.

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<sup>1</sup>Nehemiah 9:6

Who is like You among the gods, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders? In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; in Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation.

You will reign forever and ever. We long for the day when our faith becomes sight and the whole world is filled with the glory of who You are. Our highest joy will be to see You face to face; to gather around Your throne with multitudes from every tribe, language, people, and nation that you have purchased with the blood of Your own Son, and worship You.<sup>2</sup>

*I pray with confidence because \_\_\_\_\_*

**We pray with compulsion** for our beloved nation. This nation, that was founded on faith in You, is forsaking her Foundation. The very religious freedom that drove our forefathers to establish the United States of America has been twisted and perverted so that laws designed to protect it are now destroying it. We have embraced other gods. We have rejected the Truth. We have rebelled against Your Word and Your will, Your principles and Your values. We flout Your moral standards and defy Your institutions. We are slaughtering the innocent. Marginalizing the righteous. Mocking the virtuous.

Are You not the God who rules over all the nations? Power and might are in Your hand, and no one can withstand You.

We are compelled to pray because...

- You have promised that You will hear our prayer, forgive our sin, and heal our land when we turn to You.
- You have promised that in the very last days, You will pour out Your Spirit on all people.
- You have promised that You will send autumn or latter rains which we believe to be revival of Your church.
- You have promised that if we repent of our sin, you will send times of refreshing.
- You have promised that the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
- You have promised that when You are lifted up, You will draw all men to Yourself.

O Abba Father! We do not ask for what we want or what we hope. We are asking You to do what *You* have said! You are a great covenant-keeping God. You do not mock Your children. You keep Your word. We are therefore compelled at this moment when faced with problems that have no human solution to pray and hold You to Your promises.<sup>3</sup>

*I pray with compulsion because of our problems and Your promises \_\_\_\_\_*

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<sup>2</sup> Based on the Song of Moses, Exodus 15

<sup>3</sup> The promises above were taken from Ezekiel 36:26; Zechariah 12:10-12; Romans 11:26-27; Ezekiel 37:23; Ezekiel 37:26, Revelation 7:1-4, 14:1-5

**We pray with a contrite spirit.** We are ashamed and embarrassed to lift up our faces to You, for our iniquities have risen above our heads and our guilt has grown even to the heavens.<sup>4</sup> So now, our God, what shall we say?

We have sinned and done wrong.

We have been wicked and have rebelled.

We have turned away from Your commands and Your Word.<sup>5</sup>

We have not listened to Your servants the prophets...like Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah...who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers, and to all Your people.

We have not obeyed or kept the laws You have given us.

We have rationalized and explained away the evidence of Your greatness that we see in Creation around us.

We have suppressed the truth that we were created by You and for You, and have exchanged it for the lie that we are masters of our own fate.

We do not glorify You as God, nor give thanks to You, but live our lives as though we have no accountability to You.<sup>6</sup>

We have looked to our own strength for salvation and have forgotten Your mighty acts of deliverance in the past. As though the God of Abraham, Moses, David, and Elijah no longer exists. Or if You do, You no longer involve Yourself in the affairs of Your people.

We confess that our faith in You and Your strength is weak, as though what we face today is beyond Your ability to overcome. Or beneath Your interest to intervene.

We confess to pride and arrogance that have determined we must face our enemies in our own strength. That this present darkness will pass without Your intervention.

We confess to religious intolerance that condemns those who are not like us.

We confess to religious indifference that gives lip service to You, but lacks sincere faith so that our lives are lived and our decisions are made as practical atheists—as though You do not exist.

You are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against You. But this day we are covered with shame.

*With a humble, contrite spirit, I confess* \_\_\_\_\_

**We pray with clarity.**

We pray that You would wake up Your church to the lateness of the hour; that You would break the heart of Your people for a lost and dying world that's in rebellion against You; that You would place Your holy fire in our hearts to share the Gospel with those around us.

We pray that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ would be exalted above all other gods in our nation and in our world.

We pray for the enemies who are coming against us within and without to be convicted of their sin, to repent and turn from it and to ask You for forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. But if they do not, whether they are domestic or foreign, we ask that this day, You defeat and destroy them.

We ask that You strip our enemies of peace and cooperation among themselves, so that they are divided and turn on each other.

We ask that their evil plans would be exposed or fall back on their own heads.

We ask that the fear of the One, True, Living God would fall on this nation once again.<sup>7</sup>

We ask that every other demonic force coming against us be bound and rendered powerless in the face of the hosts of Heaven.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Paraphrased from Ezra 9, Daniel 9, and Romans 1

<sup>5</sup> These promises were taken from: 2 Chronicles 7:14, Acts 2:17, James 5:7, Acts 3:19, James 5:16. John 12:32

<sup>6</sup> Paraphrased from Romans 1

<sup>7</sup> 2 Chronicles 20:29

<sup>8</sup> Daniel 10:12-13

We ask for supernatural wisdom for our President, his Cabinet, his counselors, and all government officials, so that they make decisions in line with Your perfect will.

We ask that all that is decided or enacted that is outside of Your will would be thwarted and come to nothing.

We ask that You woo America back to Yourself. Draw her once again to place her trust in You, so that it's not just a slogan on our coins, but the fixed attitude of our hearts.

You are a great prayer-hearing, prayer-answering, covenant-keeping, miracle-working God. Hear our prayer! Listen to Your children as we pray for America. Rend the Heavens and come down! Come down to make Your name known to Your enemies and cause the nations to quake before You! Do awesome things that we don't expect. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides You, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. You come to help those who gladly do right, who remember Your ways. Answer us! For the glory of Your great name!<sup>9</sup>

*I ask specifically for* \_\_\_\_\_

We will pray until our prayers are confirmed, because we believe in You. We believe that our God *is* God. We believe You are as strong today on our behalf as You were in the beginning, and always have been, and always will be. We believe that since the first day we set our minds to gain understanding and to humble ourselves before our God, our words have been heard.<sup>10</sup> We believe that we have asked according to Your will, in the name of Your dear Son, and for His glory alone. Therefore we expect to receive answers.<sup>11</sup>

Now we await Your confirmation. We have humbled ourselves. Prayed. Sought Your face. Repented of our sin. We don't know what else to do. But our eyes are fixed expectantly on You.<sup>12</sup>

**For the Glory of Jesus**

**AMEN**

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<sup>9</sup> Taken from Isaiah 64:1-5

<sup>10</sup> Daniel 10:12

<sup>11</sup> John 14:13-14

<sup>12</sup> 2 Chronicles 20:12



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