

Praying for Our Nation

MATTHEW 18:18–20

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:18–20 (Message)

18–20 “Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I’ll be there.”

1 TIMOTHY 2:1–3

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14–15

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

EPHESIANS 6:12

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

ROMANS 8:26

26 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.

Kenneth E. Hagin prayed the following at a prayer meeting held on the Rhema campus on January 31, 1983.

You follow me and let's agree:

Heavenly Father, we come again tonight. We come in the Name of Jesus—not our name, not our power, not our holiness, not even our goodness—but we come in the Name of Jesus, washed in His blood, robed in His righteousness. We come because You told us to come. You said in Your Holy Word for us to come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain help and grace to help in the time of need. Thank You, Father. We are exhorted in Your Word to pray, to intercede, to supplicate, and to give thanks for ALL who are in authority, that Christians—that believers—everywhere, may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

We pray for our leaders—our President, every member of Congress, the Supreme Court, the president's cabinet, everyone that's in authority—that divine wisdom and grace will be given unto them. And direction will be given unto them.

We come against the powers of darkness, the forces of evil that would try to dominate and rule in our own nation. We rise up against that darkness. We rise up against those spirits and dispel the darkness. In the Name of Jesus, we command the devil to take his hand OFF of the political scene of our nation. We pray for every politician, everyone that's in office, that they'll not be so concerned about politics, that they'll not be so party conscious, but that they'll be concerned about our nation as a whole—and above all, put God first.

We come against the powers of darkness, the forces of evil, the demons of hell that would endeavor to dominate the financial scene of our nation. We pray for the economy of our nation.

We pray about the unemployed. We pray that the economy will be turned around, and everyone that wants a job will find a job, and that we will be prosperous as a whole—as a nation—to continue to carry the Gospel around the world. We command the devil and all of his cohorts: Take your hand OFF of the financial scene of our nation.

We come against the powers of darkness, the forces of evil that would endeavor to dominate the domestic scene of our nation. We command you, Satan, and all of your cohorts: Take your hand OFF the domestic scene of our nation. May there be peace. May there be tranquility. May there be understanding from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border. We sweep the air clean from demons—powers of evil that would hinder, that would dominate. In the Name of Jesus!

We come against all forces that are wrong. And Father, we pray with our understanding as best we know how. We're instructed to do so. Yet we sense in our spirit that our spirits have not prayed as they would like. We remember that Paul said that if I pray in an unknown tongue, MY spirit prayeth, MY spirit, by the Holy Spirit within me prayeth. So the great, mighty Spirit of God dwells in us. He is our Helper. He is our Counselor. He is our Advocate. He is our Intercessor. He is our Standby. He will help us.

We trust Him to help us to pray in this area and about our nation, and the leaders, and all that are in authority. Help us to pray as we ought to pray, and about things that we don't even know to pray. And so we trust Him.

He will give us utterance. And we will pray and intercede and give thanks in the Spirit.