

Stand in the Gap

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"
(Psalm 33:12)*

I love my Country and I am blessed to be an American. Yet, once again, we find ourselves in yet another highly divisive election. It is a critical time for Nation and we need God's divine intervention for the challenges facing us.

Thomas Paine once said, "These are the times that try men's souls." I almost wonder if he was speaking about the elections of 2016?

The power of prayer should not be underestimated. Prayer is the Christian's greatest weapon when our country seems to be coming apart around us. Don't leave the praying for our country to other people. God listens to prayers, answers prayers, and moves in response to prayers.

We have nowhere else to go, except to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Ezekiel 22:30, "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one."

I personally haven't prayed the way I should, and I'm sure that's the case for some of you as well. It is so important that you pray. We need God's continual work in the midst of our Nation. We must pray for government leaders to fight evil and stand up for truth. We must stand firm in the faith while showing grace to those who do not. We must lift up our nation before the throne of God.

We cannot expect any healing to come to our nation apart from God's Word. "When foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalms 11:3).

Praying for those in authority is not an option. It is a biblical command, "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" (1 Timothy 2:1-2, KJV).

Heavenly Father,

We lift up America in prayer before you. We turn to you in this hour and pray for your guidance and strength. Revive this land with an outpouring of Your Spirit. We ask you to stir up every heart to trust in Jesus Christ. Lord, we lift up all incoming and current leaders. We ask that you would help them walk with Your wisdom, Your love, and Your compassion. We pray, when making decisions or drawing up the legislation or laws that they pass that they be godly and wise decisions. Lord, we ask for blessings on our leaders. May they be servants who take responsibility seriously and do their very best each day. We are grateful for their service. We pray that you would keep them safe. May

they realize their need for You and for Your direction. May they hear Your voice as they make decisions. Lord help them today, and each they are in office. In Jesus Name

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