

Prayer Points for the United States

1. RELIGION

“For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” (2 Tim. 4:3-4)

***Pray for America’s Christian heritage to be preserved.

By elevating relativism and multiculturalism—the idea that all cultures and religions are equal, and that no belief system is superior to another—the United States has subtly created a new national religion where tolerance trumps truth and spiritual integrity. On September 14, 2001, the Bush Administration and planners of a service at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC were careful to emphasize that they were gathering under the names of Moses, Jesus and Mohammed. Joining the effort to identify with multiple religious beliefs, President Barack Obama told his audience in Cairo, Egypt on June 4, 2009 that he [Congressman Keith Ellison] took the oath to defend the Constitution on the Holy Koran.

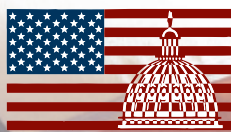
<http://sweetness-light.com/archive/obamas-cairo-speech-the-transcript>
<http://www.breakpoint.org/bpcommentaries/entry/13/15723>

“I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.” Psalm 119:16

Pray for American lawmakers to protect civil rights and religious liberty, enabling churches and Christian organizations to operate with moral integrity.

The Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) issued a memo stating that a federal law called the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) allows religious organizations to discriminate on religious grounds when hiring staff in taxpayer-funded programs. Several groups believe the Bush administration manipulated law to exempt faith-based programs from an explicit federal nondiscrimination provision. If these arguments carry through, they will remove the right of believers to take a public stance on issues such as homosexual employees in Christian ministry.

<http://www.au.org/media/church-and-state/archives/2009/10/overturn-bush-era.html>



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2. FAMILY

“Honor your father and mother. . .” (Ex. 20:12)

***Pray for Americans to embrace a biblical understanding of marriage.

Although the Bible defines marriage as a binding partnership between one man and one woman, American marriages increasingly fall prey to divorce, and the concept of marriage itself is being redefined to include same-sex relationships. Do states have the right to define marriage or not? Two recent federal court decisions struck down laws restricting marriage to one man and one woman, but the two decisions were based on conflicting arguments about who can define marriage.

<http://www.studylight.org/dic/hbd/view.cgi?number=T2013>

<http://www.ifapray.org/blog/?p=686>

“You shall not murder.” (Exodus 20:13) *“Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?”* (Job 31:15)

***Pray for Americans to understand that abortion is murder and to continue to take measures to prevent further loss of life.

If enacted, President Obama’s new health care law will use U.S. taxpayer dollars to fund the largest expansion of abortion in America since the practice took root in 1973 with Roe v. Wade. With the November 2010 elections and new leadership in the House of Representatives, many soon-to-be Congressmen said they would make the repeal of ObamaCare a top priority starting in January. The Christian community of America hopes and prays that new leaders will be energized to put pressure on Congress to reverse or at least de-fund this law.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2010/11/04/nat-6824/>

3. GOVERNMENT

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5)

***Pray for American government leaders not to be deceived by political philosophies that could easily undermine biblical truth, the role of the Church and family, and the values and priorities set in place Christian heritage.

From early childhood, millions of Americans have learned to recite The Pledge of Allegiance by heart, stating their loyalty to “the republic for which it [the American flag] stands.” Today, the notion of republic is under assault by the liberal left through Marxist ideology. Writer Saul Lewinsky, a major influence in President Obama’s life, promotes the idea that government knows what’s best, i.e. through providing health-care, quality/value of life decisions, abortions, population control, etc.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/23/weekinreview/23alinsky.html>

“Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.” (James 5:4)

***Pray for government leaders to be fiscally responsible and accept accountability; for officials to be wise as they seek ways to jump-start the economy.

This month, the U.S. Federal Reserve announced its plan to buy \$600 billion of long-term securities in an effort to boost the economy. The decision is unprecedented, setting an agenda that will entail significant Treasury debt purchases. As controversy mounts inside the United States, the plan also faced criticism in Seoul, South Korea at the G-20 summit. Heads are shaking at the Fed’s risky move, and many wonder how the U.S. plans to fight debt by biting off more debt.

4. BUSINESS

“For the Scripture says, ‘Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,’ and ‘The worker deserves his wages.’”
(1 Timothy 5:18)

***Pray for businesses to respond to the financial needs in our communities by providing jobs and helping to decrease the nation’s high unemployment rate.

Many large corporations are sitting on large sums of money because of the instability of financial markets and future projections in the economy. The use of this withheld cash for the hiring of new workers would invariably help consumer confidence and capex spending, which would establish the foundation for a new business cycle. A release of cash flow would tremendously spur the American economy.

<http://www.tradersnarrative.com/is-the-massive-corporate-cash-stash-bullish-or-bearish-4304.html>

“Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.” (Psalm 119:36)

***Pray for businesses in America to use their money and influence to support causes in line with biblical statutes rather than promoting “selfish gain” and ungodly agendas.

Bill and Melinda Gates have been lauded for using part of their massive fortune to provide access to health care and vaccinations in third-world countries. But their motives are not simply to make people’s lives better. Bill Gates has proposed that reducing the number of people on the planet by 10-15 percent would help to avoid the negative effects of global warming. “The world today has 6.8 billion people. That’s heading up to about nine billion,” Gates said. “Now if we do a really great job on new vaccines, health care, reproductive health services, we could lower that by perhaps 10 or 15 percent.”

<http://www.bworldonline.com/main/content.php?id=21096>

<http://www.ifapray.org/blog/?p=863>

5. MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.” (Exodus 20:16)

***Pray for American journalists and communications professionals to realize their responsibility to truthfully inform the public. The citizens of a free society must have reliable truth about what they are voting upon in elections. As American media frequently concentrates on scandal, slander and sensationalism, readers have become increasingly disenchanted. Accurate, truthful, and unbiased facts about candidates and issues are missing in the majority of American news reports. According to a recent Gallup poll, the people of the United States are distrustful of major media outlets.

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/143267/distrust-media-edges-record-high.aspx>

6. ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

“Do not envy a violent man or choose any of his ways.” Proverbs 3:31

***Pray that the young people of America would grow up in a country where violence is not celebrated, and that good behavior and values would be reinforced through entertainment.

In 2005, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger imposed a fine of up to \$1000 for violators who make video games such as Grand Theft Auto Vice City and Duke Nukem 3D (depicting characters being killed, maimed and dismembered) available to those under age 18, argu-

ing that exposure can lead to aggressive behavior and psychological harm. The court case *Schwarzenegger v. Entertainment* was heard on Tuesday (Nov. 2), concerning California's attempt to block the sale or rental of violent video games to minors.

<http://www.scotusblog.com/?p=19152>

http://news.cnet.com/8301-13578_3-20021524-38.html

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

***Pray for Christian artists and entertainers to have a burden to promote an awareness of Christ and to celebrate and glorify truth and goodness. Pray specifically for the following groups:

Act One – Act One is a community of Christian professionals for the entertainment industry who are committed to excellence, artistry, and personal holiness, so that through their lives and work they may be witnesses of Christ and the Truth to their fellow artists and to the global culture. (Member of Mission America)

<http://www.actoneprogram.com>

The Arts and Entertainment Institute – AEI offers courses to train Christians of all denominations in a practical Christian worldview for their careers in the mainstream art world and entertainment industry. (Member of Mission America)

<http://www.a-e-m.org>

Hollywood Prayer Network – The Hollywood Prayer Network is a non-denominational Christian prayer ministry for the purpose of praying for the people, the projects and the powerful influence of the Entertainment Industry. (Member of Mission America)

<http://www.hollywoodprayernetwork.org>

7. EDUCATION

“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.” (Ephesians 5:11)

***Pray for safety in America's schools and for officials to take wise measures to prevent gang activity.

Youth-service professionals and law enforcement officials are concerned about the increasing presence of gangs in many urban, suburban, and rural schools across the country. America continues to see an upswing in school and community-based gang activity, and the escalation often takes our neighborhoods by surprise. Educators need to understand school gang prevention and preparedness measures before a crisis hits.

<http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/gangs.html>

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

***Pray for American students to be shielded from agendas that oppose biblical values and morality. Intercede for an atmosphere of learning that would encourage students in their freedom to publicly express faith and reverence for God.

The National Education Association (NEA) is promoting a liberal agenda in American schools by promoting reproductive freedom, sex education programs and increased acceptance of gays and lesbians (to name a few examples). The Association also resists any mandate that would allow schools to schedule a moment of silence. <http://www.mfc.org/pfn/97-10/nea.html>

<http://www.ifapray.org/downloads/PrayerPointsfortheUnitedStates.pdf>