

A Strategic Prayer Initiative for Our Nation

As our nation faces deepening moral and spiritual challenges affecting both the culture and the Church, strategic prayer is desperately needed to call both the Church and the nation to repentance and to strengthen the biblical foundations upon which our nation was established.

Therefore, the Awakening America Alliance is urging churches across our nation to partner in a special 10-week prayer initiative themed, “Praying through the Heart of the Year for the Soul of Our Nation.” This prayer emphasis is built around twenty indicators of spiritual awakening in the Church and the Culture as developed by the Awakening America Alliance. (www.AwakeningAmerica.us)

Beginning on July 3, the Sunday prior to our nation’s Independence Day, this prayer emphasis will continue through Sunday, September 11, the 10-year anniversary of 9/11/01.

Ten Weeks of Focused Prayer

(Indicators of awakening in the Church and Culture)

- Week 1, July 3:** Increasing testimony of the manifest presence of God (*Church*)
Breakdowns in racial, social, and status barriers as Christ’s Church celebrates together—Jesus (*Culture*)
- Week 2, July 10:** Increased conversions and baptisms (*Church*)
A restoration of morality, ethical foundations, and accountability among leaders of church and government, business and politics (*Culture*)
- Week 3, July 17:** Amplified participation in corporate as well as individual prayer, fasting, and other spiritual disciplines, leading to more effective discipleship (*Church*)
A transformation of society through the restoration of Christ’s influence in the arts, media, and communications (*Culture*)
- Week 4, July 24:** A decrease in divorces and renewed commitment to marriage between a man and a woman in covenant relationship as God intends (*Church*)
Increased care for the hungry and homeless, the most vulnerable and needy (*Culture*)
- Week 5, July 31:** Imparting faith to children and youth, as parents are equipped by the church to become primary disciplers of their children (*Church*)
Young adults, students, and children embracing the claims and lifestyle of Christ through the witness of peers who live and love as Jesus (*Culture*)

Week 6, Aug. 7: Among churches, a passionate pursuit for the well-being of their cities through the planting of new congregations, benevolent ministries, practical service, and focused evangelism (*Church*)

Community and national leaders seeking out the Church as an answer to society's problems (*Culture*)

Week 7, Aug. 14: Commitment to radical generosity as evidenced by compassion ministries and global missions (*Church*)

Increased care for children as "gifts from the Lord" as the gospel addresses abortion, adoption, foster care, and child well-being (*Culture*)

Week 8, Aug. 21: Improved health among ministers as evidenced by their joy, decreased resignations, healthy, loving relationships within their families, and an increased response among young people called to the ministry (*Church*)

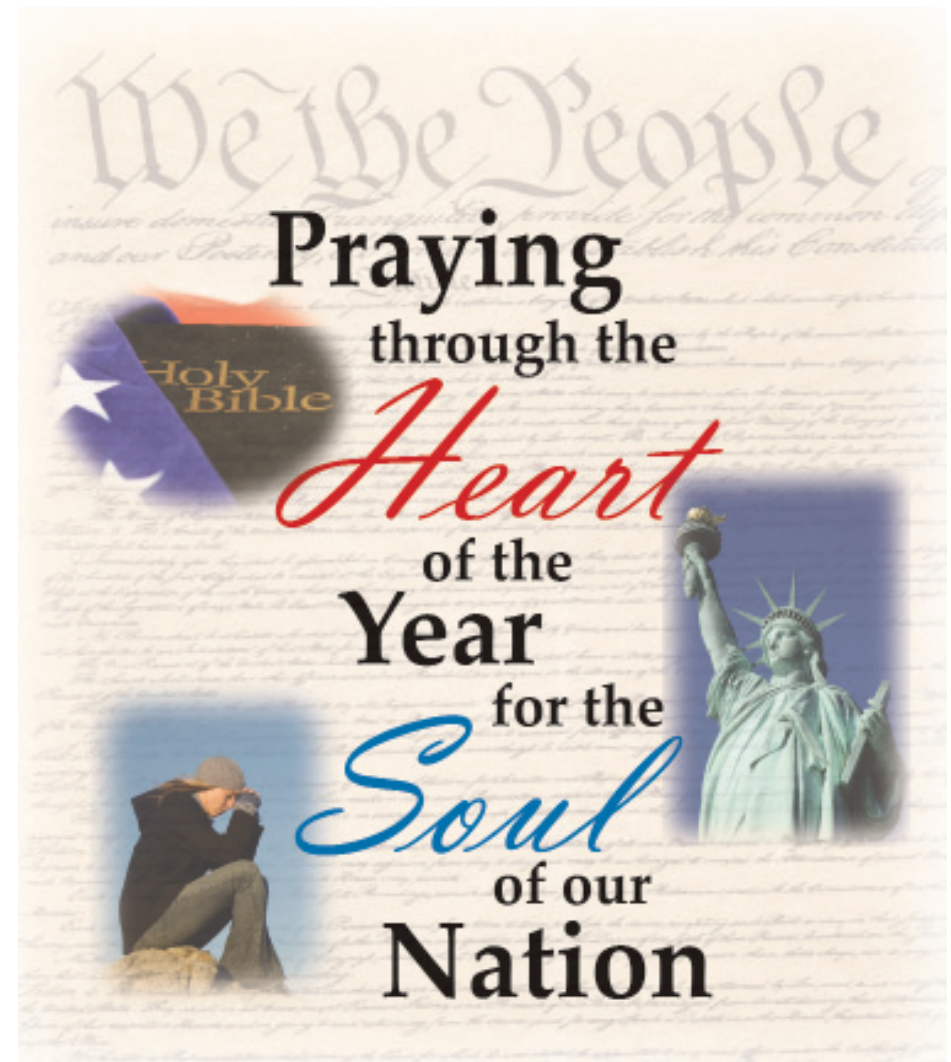
Righteous relations between men and women: decrease in divorce rates, co-habitation, same-sex relations, sexual abuse, sexual trafficking, out-of-wedlock children, and STDs (*Culture*)

Week 9, Aug. 28: Christians involved in bold witness accompanied by miracles, dramatic conversions, and Holy Spirit-empowered victories over evil (*Church*)

An awakening to the "fear of the Lord" rather than the approval of people, thus restoring integrity and credibility (*Culture*)

Week 10, Aug. 31: Heightened expressions of love and unity among all believers, as demonstrated by the unity of pastors and leaders (*Church*)

Neighborhood transformation and an accompanying decrease of social ills through increased expressions of "loving your neighbor" in service, compassion, and unity (*Culture*)



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