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October 21-27, 2024

October 26: Day 1 - November 4: Day 10: Confess to Sins of our Nation

Nehemiah 1:5-7

5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commanded thy servant Moses.

SOME SINS OF AMERICA:

- WE HAVE FORSAKEN ALMIGHTY GOD.
- 2. COMMITTING IDOLATRY BY EXALTING, SERVING AND WORSHIPPING PEOPLE, MONEY AND THINGS BEFORE GOD.
- 3. COMMITTING SPIRITUAL ADULTERY WITH FALSE RELIGIONS, WITCHCRAFT, OCCULTS ... ETC.
- 4. WE HAVE ABANDONED, FORSAKEN AND BLASPHEMED THE WORD OF GOD.
- 5. WE HAVE ROBBED, OPPRESSED, EXPLOITED AND KILLED NATIONS AND OUR OWN PEOPLE.
- 6. OUR GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESSES HAVE OPERATED BY DECEIT AND CORRUPTION, EXPLOITATION.
- 7. BECAUSE OF GREED WE POLLUTED GOD'S EARTH THE LAND, WATER, AIR, ANIMALS AND PLANTS.
- 8. WE HAVE UNDER UNGODLY FREEDOM KILLED BABIES, ABUSED THE VULNERABLE AND NEGLECTED OUR ELDERLY AND NEEDY.
- 9. WE HAVE ACCEPTED AND PROMOTED SEXUAL, MORAL PERVERSIONS
- 10. WE HAVE PRACTICED GENOCIDE ON RACES CONSIDERED INFERIOR BY DISMANTLING THE FAMILY, VIOLENCE, ALCOHOLISM, DRUGS, FINANCIAL INEQUALITY, JUVENILE AND PRISON, DYSFUNCTIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

October 26: Day 1- October 27: Day 2: Turn from Sin

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14

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

Prayer Focus: Candidates and voters would humble themselves and seek the Lord and have a servant's heart. That revival would sweep across our nation.

Actions Steps:

Find a quiet place to spend time with the Lord. Take your Bible and a journal.

Pray for revival to start in your own heart. Ask the Lord to show you any habits, actions, thoughts, words, attitudes, etc. that need to change in you so that you are ready for revival.

Journal about what you feel God is showing you.

Once you feel your own heart is set, move to praying for your family, neighborhood, city, state, and nation. Choose a scripture that you can pray specifically for our nation and use that throughout the week.

October 28: Day 3 - October 29: Day 4: Turn to God

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 12. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 13. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever Amen."

Prayer Focus: That our purposes and plans as a nation would align with God's.

Action Steps:

Make a plan to pray for the elections several times throughout the day. If needed, set the alarm on your phone to remind you to pray.

Pray for people in your building or neighborhood to pray for God's will in this election. Ask another to join you in prayer today.

Take a prayer walk and pray for the elections and issues in your own city.

Get out a map or look up a map on Google and pray across the states in our great land. Ask God to raise up Christians to pray and exercise their right to vote.

October 30: Day 5 - October 31: Day 6: Turn to Wisdom

Scripture: "An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Proverbs 18:15

Prayer Focus: That voters would seek the Lord's wisdom as they cast their ballots and vote on initiatives.

Action Steps:

If you haven't done so yet, it is time to become educated about the issues of this election on every level. Please do your own research on the political party for 2024. If you go to your state's .gov site, you will be able to download a copy of the ballot to see all the candidates you will be voting on, plus any initiatives you may be voting on.

After you have completed your research, make a list of whom you plan to vote for and for the proposals in your community.

Research the location of your polling place and check the hours.

Help elderly neighbors and relatives by offering then a ride to their polling place.

November 1: Day 7 - November 2: Day 8: Turn Your Eyes

Scripture: And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, saying, 'GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY, "YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES; OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM." Acts 28:25-27

Prayer Focus: For this to be a peaceful, non-violent election and transition to the new administration.

Action Steps:

The time to act is now. The destiny of our nation hangs in the balance. I have heard several people say they plan not to vote in this election. This attitude is defeatist and irresponsible. It is time for the Church to wake up and take our place in the shaping of our culture before we lose the right to do so. Remember, when we cast our vote for a candidate we not only vote for the individual, but for the cabinet members they will bring on board.

Spend some time interceding for peace and against violent protests or riots, especially the evening of the election.

Watch the news for any "hotspots" of where violence is occurring, whether it's due to the election or other reasons. Cover these geographic areas in prayer.

Pray and ask the Lord if there is any specific geographic region He wants you to cover in prayer over the next few months until the new President takes office. Record any direction in your journal so that you remember to make it a prayer priority.

November 3: Day 9 - November 4: Day 10: Turn Your Heart

Scripture: "He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." Daniel 2:21

Prayer Focus: For our country to be unified and for Congress to work together for the good of the people. That God-honoring laws and legislations would be enacted.

Action Steps:

In my experience, the last few elections have been the most rancorous, divisive elections ever. I have witnessed family and other relationships destroyed due to political beliefs. This should not be happening. Pray for civil discourse in our country and the ability to agree to disagree without friendships and family relationships suffering for it.

Decide to pray for our government officials at all levels. They need God's wisdom. They need honesty. They need pure motives. And they need servants' hearts.

Become informed about local, state, and federal legislation. What decisions is your school board making about curriculum and other important issues such as transgender issues and bathroom/locker room/overnight arrangements for students? Many of us may think that Roe v. Wade is beyond changing, but God can do anything. Ask God if you need to get involved in working to change this law. Perhaps you have never been involved in politics before, but it's important to let your voice be heard on policies and laws. Call and/or email those in charge your local, state, and federal officials. We can't afford to ignore these issues any longer.

We thank you so much for joining us as we pray for the election and our country. We know that your intercession is a fragrant offering to God, and we trust that your prayers will "availeth much."