



What to do in times of crisis?

by iPriority

Psalm 46

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."

"He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." - Psalm 46:1-3, 9-10

Thoughts on How to Pray

1. For those that grieve & those around us

First and foremost, we need to pray and comfort those that grieve. Many have lost friends and family members. As a nation, we grieve a loss of innocence and security.

Additionally, we need to come together with neighbors and friends and even those that are different than us. Those who are lovers of liberty and justice we are one in spirit with.

2. For the problem of good and evil

The Bible makes it clear, that God does not cause or will the horrific disasters such as we have seen.

The Biblical perspective is that God loved His creation and the people He has created. Yet man rebels against God and goes his own way. This rebellion allows sin and evil to enter the world.

Pray that evil would be thwarted and that people would get their hearts right with God.

3. Justice & Truth to be served

A constant prayer not only for now, but always is that truth would win over dishonesty. That righteousness and justice would triumph over evil.

The Bible makes it clear, that the role of government is to restrain evil. In cases like this, the government is God's instrument to have justice worked out.

4. Evaluate our values and those of our country

There is nothing that would justify the terrorist acts against innocent civilians. It is incomprehensible.

None the less, it is a time for humble reflection on our part, a time to really evaluate what we are all about as country. For most of our nations history our might has been backed up by being right. We have shown compassion on nations in need, we have sought to help nations and people attain liberty, we have fought for human freedom.

Pray for our country. Pray for the moral condition of our land.

Businesses need to really consider how they do business in an international marketplace. We cannot compromise our security for the sake of financial gain.

5. Evaluate our own hearts

Lastly, we have to evaluate our own hearts. If we were in one of the planes or in one of those buildings do we have confidence in our relationship with God. If not, isn't this the time to begin or grow in your relationship with God.

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"The Lord foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purpose of His heart through all generations" - Psalm 33: 10-11.