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Mostly Personal...

Loved Ones,

I mentioned last Sunday that I felt strongly directed by The LORD to point us back to the message called *An Appeal to Heaven*. In that message I gave a starter outline to praying for our nation, along with a suggested prayer. This morning I have included that information in this article for you. Please take time daily to pray for America!

Jesus taught us to agree in prayer. When we do so, there is exponential power that attaches itself to our prayers (Matthew 18:18-20). The word translated *agree* is the same word from which we form the English word *symphony*. A symphony is a harmonizing of various instruments and parts to form a melody. In other words, to agree is more than simply saying the same thing, it is everyone coming together to *play their piece of music*. Just as the maestro directs the woodwinds, the percussions, the strings--the Holy Spirit, who is the true *maestro of prayer*, directs each of us to pray as He leads. The result is astonishing!

So here is the suggested material I'm asking you to start with. The Holy Spirit will lead each of you in the details, so feel free to modify as you adopt this prayer assignment.

- 1) Pray for Radical REPENTANCE & PURITY in the Church!
- 2) Pray the Church will return to the WORD OF GOD!
- 3) Pray for the Church to be Boldly PROPHETIC (Salt)!
- 4) Pray for the Church to be Boldly EVANGELISTIC (Light)!
- 5) Pray for the Church to be truly COMPASSIONATE!
- 6) Pray for a YOUTH REVIVAL in the Church and America!
- 7) Pray the Church will RESIST TYRANNY in its many forms!
- 8) Pray the Church will RECLAIM America for Christ!
- 9) PRAY for SOLEMN ASSEMBLIES in America's Churches.

A Prayer from Sound the Trumpet Ministries

Lord, we have forsaken our First Love. We, our families, our churches, and our spiritual and political leaders have turned our backs on You. We have grown lukewarm and indifferent to sin.

We have tolerated, even participated in the dominant evils of our sin-filled age. We have disdained our Godly Forefathers by forfeiting their costly legacy and defrauded our children by wasting their inheritance. We have despised our Nation's Founders by passively permitting the true record of their faith, vision, and sacrifice to be maliciously rewritten and eradicated from the collective memory of our people. We have committed treason against You and our countrymen by apathetically permitting Your enemies to systematically remove Your Law and Your Word from public life, thereby destroying the foundations of our society. We have betrayed our children and future generations by failing to be the *salt & light* You made us to be. We have not prayed, cared, protected, defended, nor sought justice for the needy as we ought. Neither have we adequately resisted our oppressors or warned the disobedient. We are guilty before You (Judges 2:10; Psalm 11:3; Proverbs 29:13; Jeremiah 2:19-32; Daniel 9:3-19; Romans 1:28-32).

Lord, confusion has overtaken us! Our families are broken and our communities are torn. Our civil servants and magistrates, ordained to protect the innocent and punish evildoers, have become corrupt lords and tyrants who shamelessly lie, crush us with confiscatory taxes, suffocate us with oppressive regulation, bankrupt our nation with profligate spending and war-making, and control our thoughts with anti-Christ intimidation. Yet we affirm and reaffirm them. Our churches are impotent and our pastors are mute. Godlessness, pride, dishonesty, injustice, fornication, abortion, homosexuality, pornography, divorce, child abuse, parental neglect, violence, murder, suicide, drug abuse, greedy materialism, and covenant-breaking define our national character. Your curses for disobedience have progressively come upon us, yet we stubbornly refuse to repent (Exodus 5:6-14; Deuteronomy 28:14-68; Proverbs 6:17; Romans 13:3-4; Revelation 2:5, 16; 3:3, 19).

Lord, you have declared in Your Word that if we continue in this path we will be utterly destroyed, that no man can save us. Thus we beg You, compel us speedily to meet Your requirements, that hope may remain for us (Deuteronomy 8:19-20; Ezra 10:1-3; Psalm 9:17; Isaiah 5:5-6; Jonah 3:8-10).

I love you,
Pastor Stephen