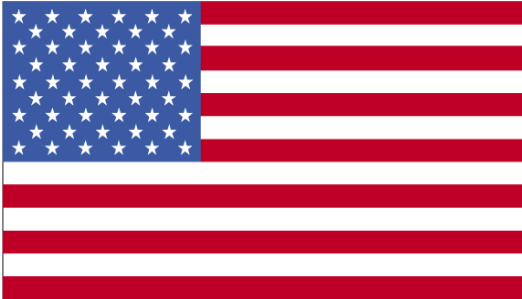


Cornerstone - Global Ministries

One Nation at a Time – United States of America



The Country

Britain's American colonies broke with the mother country in 1776 and were recognized as the new nation of the United States of America following the Treaty of Paris in 1783. During the 19th and 20th centuries, 37 new states were added to the original 13 as the nation expanded across the North American continent and acquired a number of overseas possessions. The two most traumatic experiences in the nation's history were the Civil War (1861-65), in which a northern Union of states defeated a secessionist Confederacy of 11 southern slave states, and the Great Depression of the 1930s, an economic downturn during which about a quarter of the labor force lost its jobs. Buoyed by victories in World Wars I and II and the end of the Cold War in 1991, the US remains the world's most powerful nation state. The economy is marked by steady growth, low unemployment and inflation, and rapid advances in technology.*

Facts and Figures

Capital City: Washington D.C.

Population: 307,212,123 (July 2009 est.)

Religion: Protestant 51.3%, Roman Catholic 23.9%, Mormon 1.7%, other Christian 1.6%, Jewish 1.7%, Buddhist 0.7%, Muslim 0.6%, other or unspecified 2.5%, unaffiliated 12.1%, none 4% (2007 est.)

Language: English 82.1%, Spanish 10.7%, other Indo-European 3.8%, Asian and Pacific island 2.7%, other 0.7% (2000 census) *note:* Hawaiian is an official language in the state of Hawaii.

The Church

Praise the Lord for the emergence of new movements to build up the Church, combat the evils of society, intercede for the nation and the world, and the rapid growth of Evangelicalism in the USA in past decades. Pray that the influence of Evangelicals will be rightly exercised in the 21st century, and that the national percentage of committed believers would increase.*

Our Prayer

- Pray that US influence in other countries would progress the Gospel, rather than promoting materialism and unrealistic standards.
- Young people present one of the major areas of spiritual battle. Pray that the fruits of increased humanistic philosophies would be reversed.
- Pray that disorientation, spiritual vulnerability, moral decay, rejection of authority, drug abuse, and widespread violence would be overcome by a decisive work of the Spirit, and that this generation would be raised up to make a mighty impact on the world.

Our Partnerships

- Please pray for **Doug and Lisa Hill**. As pre-field coaches for Pioneers in Florida, they shepherd, assist and prepare over 150 missionaries who are in training for the mission field by sharing life experiences, prayer and encouragement from God's word.
- Pray for the **Kusel Family**. Conrad is the Director of Training at YWAM. He and his wife, Bonnie, lead the Discipleship Training School and have been doing so for the last ten years.
- **Andrae and Luna Robinson** are originally from Ventura County. They left to work with Youth for Orphans and 2nd Mile Ministries in Jacksonville, FL.
- Please pray for **Scott Simrall**. He recently moved from Arizona to Washington to serve as a pastor of a small church. Please pray that he would encourage the body to impact the surrounding community.
- Pray for the **Smith Family** in Colorado Springs, CO. They moved from the YWAM base in Los Angeles to Colorado in order for Evan to pursue culinary arts while continuing their partnership with YWAM. Their hope is to go to France in two years.
- **Jim and Sonya Witherspoon** are highly involved with U.S. Center for World Missions. Jim is the Southwest Regional Director for the Perspectives Study Program. Sonya works as the business manager for the Judson International School on the USCWM campus. They have three beautiful children.

*Some statistics and information were gathered from the Operation World Prayer Calendar and CIA World Factbook.



Grace and peace to you in our Lord! In order to facilitate a global perspective amongst the staff and communities, we have put together a template to encourage the body to pray for a specific country and partnership each week.

Pray for All People:

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

--1 Timothy.2:1-4

"...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

--James.5:16b

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