

OUR NATION'S GREATEST NEED

1 Timothy 2:1-8

***Our calling is to be Christian Citizens,
not just citizens who happen to be Christian.
To do anything less is to be less than we are.***

7 Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

Jeremiah 29:7

Our nation's greatest need is a praying church.

Intercession is the truly universal work for the Christian. No place is closed to intercessory prayer... no continent, no nation, no organization, no city, no office. There is no power on earth that can keep intercession out! You may be anyplace you wish praying for anyone you wish anytime you wish.

Dick Halverson

1) Prayer is urgent and important.

23 Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you...

1 Samuel 12:23

2) Prayer should be specific.

- A) We should pray for the specific needs of our nation.**
- B) We should pray for the will of God to be done in our nation.**
- C) We should pray with a burdened heart for our nation.**
- D) We should pray with thanksgiving.**

3) We should pray for the leaders of our nation.

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If you don't pray for them, don't talk about them.

- A) Pray for Godly leaders.
- B) Pray that Godly leaders would be protected from spiritual compromise.
- C) Pray for ungodly leaders to be saved.

It is our duty, therefore, not only to pray for those who are already worthy, but we must pray to God that he may make bad men good.

John Calvin

- D) Pray for their wisdom.
- E) Pray that the Lord would surround them with advisors who will speak truth into their lives.
- F) Pray for their physical protection.

*If they are not beyond the reach of His grace,
they shouldn't be beyond the reach of our prayers.*

- 4) We should pray for the advance of the gospel.
- 5) We should pray for righteousness in the Church.

*Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to
falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully.*

Psalms 24:3-4