

National Prayer at Rochester Gathering on May

Hear Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us! For the Glory of Your Great Name

We worship You, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are the living God of our nation's founding fathers: George Washington, John Adams, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, and many others. When we pledge our allegiance, it is as one nation under You. Every time we use American money to buy or sell, we make the statement that in You we have placed our trust.

We acknowledge that You are the One who has set us high above all the nations on the earth. You have made us the head and not the tail. We have led the free world. The whole world has known that we are identified with You, and they have respected us.

Again and again, You have given us victory over our enemies. You have blessed us when we have gone out and when we have come in. You have blessed us in our bustling cities and in our beautiful countryside. You have blessed our "fruited plain" so that we have had an abundance for ourselves and for others. You have opened up the storehouse of Your bounty, and have blessed the work of our hands. You have given us unprecedented prosperity, so that in the past we have lent to many nations but been debtor to none.

We now turn to You as the God of Our Fathers. You alone are our Hope for the future. If we as a nation do not get right with You, no one in Washington or in our state capitals can reverse the downward moral and spiritual spiral that has become a free fall and is provoking Your judgment. We approach You now with fear and trembling, as we confess our national sins:

- We confess national addiction to sex. To money. To pleasure. To entertainment. To pornography. To technology. To drugs. To alcohol. To food. To television. To popularity. To ourselves.
- We confess we no longer fear You, and thus we have not even the beginning of wisdom with which to handle the vast knowledge we possess.
- We confess our foolishness of denying You as the one, true, living God, our Creator to whom we are accountable, living as though our lives are a cosmic accident with no eternal significance, purpose or meaning.
- We confess our greed that has run up trillions of dollars of national debt.
- We confess our arrogance and pride that has led us to think we are sufficient in ourselves.
- We confess to believing that the prosperity of our nation is because we are great, while refusing to acknowledge that all blessings come from Your hand.
- We confess that we depend upon our military might and our weapons systems to protect us from harm and danger, while denying, defying, and ignoring You.
- We confess that we have allowed the material blessings You have given us to deceive us into thinking we don't need You.
- We confess that we live as though material wealth and prosperity will bring happiness.
- We confess that we have marginalized truth and mainstreamed lies.
- We confess choices that reveal we would rather live in bitterness, resentment, and anger than forgive those who have hurt us or acknowledge our own wrongdoing.
- We confess that we have become one nation under many gods, divided and polarized, with license to sin and justice that often does not follow the rule of law.

Therefore, we turn to You with tears of shame and a heart of fear for the judgment we are provoking. We repent of our sin. Please, God of Our Fathers, do not back away from us. Do not remove Your hand of blessing on us. As we return to You with humility...With sincerity...Out of necessity... With a desperate sense of urgency. Please! Return to us! Hear our prayer. Forgive our sin. Heal our land.

For the Glory of Your Great Name... JESUS.

Amen

Personal Sins

Ingratitude: Failure to thank God for His blessings or answers to prayer.

I repent.

Neglect of Bible Reading: Going for a day...or days...without reading my Bible. Or reading it without remembering what I read.

I repent.

Unbelief: I don't believe God will give me what He has promised because He hasn't given it to me yet.

I repent.

Prayerlessness: I offer God spiritual chatter, fantasy, wishful thinking, or daydreaming as prayer. I often pray without fervent, focused faith.

I repent.

Pride: I secretly believe I'm better than someone else. I am offended when people say I'm wrong.

I repent.

Envy: I am jealous of those who seem more recognizable than me. I struggle with hearing someone else praised.

I repent.

Critical Spirit: I find fault with others because they don't measure up to my standards.

I repent.

Slander: I tell the truth about a person with the intention of causing people to think less of him or her.

I repent.

Lying: I have sought to impress someone with something that wasn't the whole truth or was an exaggeration of the truth.

I repent.

Hypocrisy: I am pretending to be something I am not.

I repent.

Temper: I have lost patience with a child, coworker, friend, spouse, staff member, or another person so that I have spoken cross words.

I repent.

Bad Temper: I have lost control of my emotions, thoughts, and words so that I have abused someone else verbally.

I repent.

Arrogance: I have accepted God's forgiveness while refusing to forgive myself or someone else.

I repent.

National Sins

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We confess to believing that the prosperity of our nation is because we are great, while refusing to acknowledge that all blessings come from your hands.

We confess that we depend upon our military might and our weapons systems to defend us from harm and danger while denying, defying and ignoring You.

We confess that we have succumbed to the pressure of pluralism and our desire to be inclusive so that we honor other gods as though You are just one of many.

We confess that we have allowed the material blessings You have given us to deceive us into thinking we don't need You.

We confess that we feel entitled to what someone else has earned instead of taking responsibility for ourselves and our families as we trust in You.

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