

PRAYING FOR *Godly Values* IN AMERICA

God's Word frames our intercession for the U.S. and our understanding of what is best for this nation.

1. **Religious Freedom** — America's first freedom. God has given us freedom from slavery to sin (Gal. 5:1) and free will bought by Jesus' blood (John 8:36). We choose whom we will serve (Deut. 30:11-20; Josh. 24:15; Matt. 6:24). Government authority is limited (Matt. 22:15-22) — we must obey God rather than human authority (Acts 5:29).

2. **Protection of Life** — All human beings are created in God's image (Gen. 1:27). Life begins at conception, and we're knit together by God in utero, being fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:13-14). Children are a gift from the Lord (Ps. 127:3). We must defend and speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Prov. 31:8).

3. **Marriage and Sexuality** — God created two genders, male and female, and biblical marriage is a covenant relationship of a man, a woman, and God (Matt. 19:4-6). This is God's design for sexuality. Anything else is not an identity, but rather sin to be confessed and forgiven (1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 1:20-32).

4. **Free Speech** — Our Constitution forbids the government from abridging our freedom of speech. In Christ we were set free (Gal. 5:1), and we use our freedom to preach the gospel (1 Tim. 2:3-4). We are to speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15), with our words being full of grace and "seasoned with salt" (Col. 4:6). We are warned that we will give account for every idle word (Matt. 12:36).

5. **Education** — Parents are responsible to teach their children God's Word and His ways (Deut. 6:5-9). We are called to study to show ourselves approved (2 Tim. 2:15), and to reject false teachings (1 Tim. 1; 1 John 4:6). All education should stand on the firm foundation of God's Word (Matt. 7:24-27).

6. **National Security** — God created all nations, determined their rise and fall, and set their boundaries so that all nations would seek Him (Acts 17:26-27). Rulers are God’s servants and agents of His wrath against evildoers (Rom. 13:4). Our hope is not in armies or soldiers, but in God alone, though He uses these things for our defense (Ps. 33:16-17; 72:1-4).

7. **Israel** — “I will bless those who bless [Israel], and I will curse him who curses [Israel]; and in [Israel] all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Gen. 12:3). God plans for Israel to be a blessing to the whole earth, a light to the nations (Isa. 42:6). He requires us to pray for His promises to Israel and to stand against antisemitism and attack (Ps. 122:6-9; Isa. 62:6-7). God will judge nations that curse Israel (Joel 3:1-3).

8. **Immigration** — All tongues, tribes, and nations are part of God’s kingdom (Rev. 7:9). While God cares about foreigners/immigrants and calls us to care for them as equals (Deut. 10:18; Lev. 19:34; Jer. 7:5-7), He also cares about the rule of law (Deut. 14-16; Lev. 25).

9. **Economy** — We are exhorted to work diligently (Prov. 10:4-5; Eph. 4:28; 2 Thess. 3:11) and to give God tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:9-10), as well as to give to others (Prov. 11:25; 2 Cor. 9). To be a good steward of all resources is a command of God to individuals and nations.

10. **Environment** — Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth” (Gen. 1:28). This biblical commission to Adam and Eve is still in effect as we steward His creation (Ps. 8). Through us, God is reconciling the earth to Himself (Col. 1:20) and liberating it from bondage to decay (Rom. 8:21).

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect (Rom. 12:2 NLT).



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