

PRAY FOR AMERICA

The Walnut Church of Christ of Texarkana, Texas is involved in a campaign to encourage everyone to pray for America. We are basing this on the scripture;

**2 Chronicles 7 verse 14 which reads,
“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”**

Please join us in a prayer for our land.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We approach you this day with true humility. Our only righteousness comes through Christ who dwells within us, and through your love, grace, and forgiveness. Father we come to you with heavy hearts. Our country, this shining beacon of hope for the rest of the world, which was founded upon Godly principles and teachings according to your word, has in too many ways sinned and turned its back on you. Forgive us Father that a portion of this prayer has been lifted up to you before; but, this is not vain repetition.

These are sins that need confessing, truths that should be heard and bear repeating. Forgive us Father, for too many in our country now call evil good and good evil. Too many have lost their spiritual equilibrium and inverted their values. Too many ridicule the absolute truth of your word and call it pluralism, worship other gods and call it multiculturalism. Too many have endorsed or adopted perversion and what is an abomination to you and call it an alternative lifestyle.

- *We have rejected the truly needy in the name of self preservation, and exploited the poor through addictions to drugs, alcohol, and gambling.*
- *We have murdered our unborn babies and call it a choice.*
- *We have neglected to discipline our children and call it building self-esteem.*
- *We have abused positions of power and influence and call it political savvy.*
- *We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and call it ambition; and, feel we are entitled to things which we did not earn.*
- *We have polluted the world with profanity and pornography and call it freedom of expression.*
- *We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and call it enlightenment.*
- *We have removed all mention of you and Christ your son from our government and schools so as not to offend anyone, then are amazed by the evil and chaos that ensues within the void.*

Softens our hearts Father. Convict us of our sins. Help us as a country to turn back to you and your Word. Forgive us for forsaking our first love. Please do not take our lampstand from its place.

Father, your word teaches us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil. Your word instructs us to submit ourselves to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which you have established. Dear God we implore... we beg you Father, establish over us rulers and governing authorities who are God-fearing Christian men and women, whose decisions, words, and above all whose deeds are according to your will. Help us to do what is right so that we have nothing to fear from the one in authority. But should we ever be put in a position like that of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, clothe us in the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, we may be able to stand firm.

We know that truly You are good; and truly your love endures forever. In Jesus Christ's blessed and holy name we pray, Amen.

Note: This prayer was offered in the Sunday worship of the Walnut Church of Christ in Texarkana, Texas, on October 21, 2012. A portion of this prayer was written by Bob Russell of Louisville, KY, and presented to the Kansas State House of Representatives by Joe Wright.

***“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”
1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)***