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ONE NATION UNDER GOD Devotional

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Why Pray for Our Nation?

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in

part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.**

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NLT).

Reflection

There have been a lot of elections that have come and gone, but I believe this one really sticks out because it is so un-orthodox. Whichever side of the political aisle you lean towards, you can't be real thrilled with the choices. It's become more of a circus instead of a decision for which candidate would best serve the people of our nation.

Even so, we have a responsibility in the Word to pray for the nation and our leaders in 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Sometimes though, you really just want to throw your hands in the air and say, "To heck with it, prayer won't make a difference!" when leaders are so opposed to righteousness and lead the nation away from its roots. Now I know that's not the real "Christian" thing to do, but let's face it, we wouldn't be in this spot if we all did what Christians were supposed to do all the time.

Yes, we live in a nation divided, but we don't have to be. Yeah, we might have different doctrine, but if we truly believe in Jesus Christ, Him Crucified, then we have a solid platform for unity. When I pray for the nation, I'm releasing all offense, like we are supposed to do, and simply believing for a re-awakening in our land. I'm praying, not in fear but in faith, that Christians will

Challenge

Even when it's hard to pray for those who seem like enemies, that's the most important time to pray in faith.

For Discussion

Do I pray according to 1 Corinthians 13 in faith?

Are my prayers filled with scripture-aligned declarations?

STAND and be counted. I'm declaring victory and speaking what I want to see, not griping about where we are, then calling it prayer.

It's long overdue for believers to unite under the binding Blood of Jesus and BE the Beautiful Bride He gave His life for! We need to check our hearts for anything that doesn't align with 1 Corinthians 13 concerning our nation, prophesy the Goodness of God over it and use the seed of our vote for the person who comes closest to the tenets of our faith! Let's join together and believe God for the great nation He wants us to be.

Let's Declare, "God Bless America," not just say it, hoping it might happen!

Prayer

Father, I believe in Jesus name we as a nation are re-aligning ourselves with the Truth of your Word. I am in faith that my fellow Christians are reawakening to help lead the United States towards your goodness. Amen.



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