

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

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.

Some Simple Truths...

- God is sovereign. He is holy and He is love.
- We are sinners. We are saved from His severity of His wrath toward sin only by the fierceness of His love in Christ.
- When we drift away in disobedience, we experience His discipline. His judgments are just.

We must begin with...

- A humility and brokenness before the Lord.
- A desperation to find the face of God.
- A heart cry for the mercy of God.
- A desire to turn from our sinful ways.
- A resolve to return to the ways of God.

Point : 1

What do we know about God ?

God is...

- Great
- Awesome
- Keeps His covenant of love with all who love Him and obey His commands
- Righteous
- Merciful
- Forgiving

Daniel 9:4 (NIV)

*I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:
"O Lord, the great and awesome God, who
keeps his covenant of love with all who love
him and obey his commands,*

Daniel 9:7 (NIV)

"Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame--the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you.

Daniel 9:9 (NIV)

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against him;*

Point : 2

What do we know about ourselves ?

We have...

- sinned
- done wrong.
- been wicked
- rebelled
- turned away from God's commands and laws.
- not listened

Daniel 9:5-6 (NIV)

we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

Daniel 9:8 (NIV)

O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you.

Point : 3

What happens as a result ?

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- *Curses*
- *Judgment*

Daniel 9:10-11 (NIV)

we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. "Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you.

Point : 4

What should we do _____?

What should we do?

- *Repent*
- *Pray*

Daniel 9:15-16 (NIV)

"Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our fathers have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

Daniel 9:17-18 (NIV)

"Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary.

Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

Areas to pray about...

- **Acknowledge God**
- **Morality**
- **Abortion**
- **Greed**
- **Governmental Leaders**

Conclusion