

## PRAYER TO HEAL THE NATION

Over the course of the last few weeks we have seen severe challenges that are facing our nation. Financial, political, diplomatic, weather, and war issues face us in varying degrees. In the midst of all of this we are in the middle of choosing leaders in our national fall election. The nation seems to have torn from its moorings of time proven morality and character and moved to a more secular relativistic world- view. There is no doubt that God has been lost in all of our pursuits as Americans. It seems to me that now is the time to pray and raise up a standard of righteousness that was so desired by our founding fathers. Their desire was that we live as citizens with limited government from the federal level, with self-government on the personal level, and a corporate trust in the divine providence of God on a national level. We have violated all three and are now facing national challenges never before encountered as American citizens.

Our church has decided to respond by once again imploring God's attention to our needs as His people. We have embarked on several prayer strategies with the intent to call on God that He might save us:

### 1. Noon prayer

- a. This is a commitment to prayer at noon for at least five minutes each day of the week.
- b. Noon prayer was a vital element of every major revival and awakening since 1727.
- c. Great Britain under the leadership of Winston Churchill called for noon prayer during World War II to stave off the German air assault on London and England.
- d. The Naval Academy has had noon prayer since 1864.

### 2. Daniel Prayer

- a. This is a commitment to prayer three times a day as modeled by Daniel in the book of Daniel.
- b. *Daniel 6:10—Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.*
- c. We have established corporate times three times a day for the next 30 days in our church prayer room. Each member was encouraged to choose one of those times to come to the church and join in prayer for the nation.

### 3. Sacred Assembly

- a. At the end of the 30 days we are having an all church meeting to join together in repentance, prayer, worship, communion, and celebration of God and his answers to prayer.

I would encourage every believer, pastor, and church to adopt a strategy of prayer at least through the election and even through the end of the year. These are not normal times. They could even be what the Bible calls “perilous times”. And since the Lord has called His church a “House of Prayer” I believe that it is more than an option to step out in strategic and earth shaking prayer. God will not act unless we pray.

*Isaiah 64:4-- ...Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him.*

Prayer points:

1. Pray for a national revival leading to reformation.
2. Pray for a solution to the present financial crisis.
3. Pray for godly leaders to be placed into office in November’s election.
4. Pray that the church would arise as a clarion voice of righteous sanity.
5. Pray that the church would experience a renewed call to prayer.
6. Pray for a harvest of souls.
7. Pray for a movement of the Holy Spirit among the young people of America and the nations of the world.

May you experience a renewed encounter with the living God as you pursue prayer to our God.

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### **Addendum for Living Faith**

Wonderful people of Living Faith,

Pastor Ken who wrote the above article is my family’s Pastor. We greatly respect him and agree wholeheartedly with his perspective on this season in our nation’s history. As a church will be participating in the Noontime Prayer, the Daniel Prayer and the Solemn Assembly. Obviously the election is less than 30 days away so we ask the you look at the above prayer models and prayer points and follow them as led by the Holy Spirit. It seems good to the Holy Spirit and to our leadership that we participate in this time of prayer and assembly. We will host our solemn assemble at the Stonebrook Manor in Thornton, CO on Sunday evening November 2, 2008 starting at 6:30 pm. Nursery care will be provided for babies and infants. Thank you for you consideration of this as well as your participation.

Pastor Bryan Schwartz on the behalf of Living Faith leadership.