

AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MEDIA AND LEADERSHIP

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(This prayer will be publicly offered outside the 2011 National Religious Broadcaster's Convention on February 26, 2011, in Nashville, Tennessee by some volunteers in local Christian media, and fellow supporters of their convictions that are in attendance (of which all are invited to participate). The prayer is humbly offered in supplication to God, and in intercession for the members of the American Christian media and leadership figures, entreating for their edification, enlightenment, discernment and blessing from God Himself, deemed as imperative for the perplexing societal challenges and issues of this time. The volunteers also request that such prayers be offered simultaneously at that time, and at any other time at God's direction, by concerned Christians across America and the world. Even if Christian brethren differ on some of the specific perspectives expressed in this prayer, it is hoped that through this act of faith and request for the move of God, that He might enlighten all His children in America as to His True ways, and not our own understanding. Copies of this prayer, and some further discussion of thoughts behind this prayer and its requests, can be found at www.FutureQuake.com.)

“Our Heavenly Father, we as fellow believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, humbly entreat you to consider our current and sustained request we bring before You today, as we ‘boldly approach the throne of grace’. We agree in prayer, united in purpose and mission if not always in approach and position, to intercede for our Christian brethren who now meet inside this facility, whom are in a prominent position of influence within the American Christian community, and the United States at large. We pray for their enlightenment and discernment of the complex issues our society now faces and the issues of our day, and the need for humble introspection and deliberation within our Christian community, and a fresh consideration of the Biblical principles and example of the incarnate Jesus in how to respond to them, and the ethical and moral challenges they bring.

Lord, we thank you as the community of the Body of Christ for the abundant fruit the ministers who now deliberate inside this building have wrought for the Kingdom of God over many years through Your help, and for their faithfulness to You in their service, often under difficult circumstances. Many people have come to a saving faith, overcome sin and oppression by the Adversary, and enjoined efforts to minister to others in sharing the Gospel and other facets of Your work nationally and around the world, as empowered by You through the faithful service of these leaders in Christian media and other ministries that now meet. We pray for their safety, provision for their families and their ministries, and encouragement to “stay to the plow, and not look back”, as well as blessings for their ministry efforts, and protection from the Evil One.

Many in your Body now believe we may be entering the “Last Days” of this age, as they understand Scripture, which entails many special challenges and perils, as well as unique opportunities to serve. This includes an understanding in Your Word that they will be days of great deception, even sufficient to “deceive the elect, if that were possible”. Even those Bible-believing Christians who do not “divide the Word” in such a manner to see such Biblical apocalyptic associations today, recognize that our days are fraught with deception and danger at unprecedented levels, augmented by technologies that can control and manipulate masses on a grand scale, and produce virtually undetectably fabricated experiences for our perceptions. In fact, your Word says in Revelation 18 that “the kings of the earth” and “great merchants of the earth” conspire together through this Babylon system, called the “habitation of devils”, and “by their sorceries were the nations of the earth deceived”. Many of your children these days understand this “Babylon” to be an organized system of iniquity, led by dark spiritual forces since antiquity, which your Word says “in her was found the blood of the prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth”. We ask that you would enlighten our Christian leaders, and us as well, as to how this “Babylon” is fully embodied today in its many facets, so that we can obey Your command in Scripture to “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins”, and that we recognize where, and in what manner we currently reside within her.

Thus in accordance with Your Word, we pray that the Christian leaders that now convene will be perpetually convicted with the knowledge that dark spiritual forces are actively engaged to deceive them, the Christian community, and the public at large, to support their agendas, and confound the Work of the Kingdom of God and its efforts to conduct warfare against God’s rebels, and rescue those from their clutches in God’s strength. We know that Satan is too subtle and crafty to use overt means to accomplish these goals, but will in fact distort your Word, our noble intentions, and even our fleshly weakness and desires to accomplish His goals, and often without our knowledge; your Word says in the Last Days, those who even persecute Your people “will think they please God” by their acts. We also know that he can distort civil virtues, including patriotism and protection of peers from foreign threats and even religious error, to insidiously further his aims, as the church in Germany, our nation and others can attest. Accordingly, we pray for uncommon, Holy Spirit-empowered discernment for those we pray for, and that they truly become “circumspect in this world” as You instructed, rightly assessing the enemies concealed and camouflaged “behind the bushes” of our biases and prejudices, and who surround us as we operate behind enemy lines, so that we may accurately determine “friend” or “foe”. We know it is not our assignment to uproot tares in our midst, but please give us and them a keen eye to spot “wolves in sheep’s clothing” and to “test their fruits” by Your standards, and not by their ability to appeal to our base impulses, and to anticipate that in these days, things (and people) are usually not as they appear to be, particularly from those who

otherwise “sound like us”. Help them to recognize that as leaders and vocal spokespersons for the Body in society, they are particularly vulnerable to being victimized and exploited by these manipulators; please expose these workers of iniquity for all that have “eyes to see”, while you use them and their lies to execute judgment on those who refuse to see. We pray that those who love you and are truly deceived in some matters, or are actively deceiving others, will receive reproof from Your wisdom or chastening hand, and turn from their ways and warn others, and bravely withstand criticism from those in the Body who continue to be deceived.

In our desire to seek wisdom and discernment from You, Lord, we ask for specific guidance for our leaders on the following specific matters of urgent importance in our society today:

We pray that our American ministry leaders would not be seduced by money, and the power and influence it brings, which is a particular weakness in the church in America, which values and treasures its money derived from sustained periods of material blessing from you, much as the nation of Israel experienced in her “glory years”. We pray that the well-meaning desire of our Christian leaders to maximize their impact from their Christian service not be transformed into a prideful exaltation of their importance to God, as Lucifer first embodied, nor a misplaced sense of duty to compensate by excess effort for a God who “sows not where He reaps”. Please restrain the Body from exalting these leaders in a fleshly way, thereby making them susceptible to prideful temptation of inflated self-worth, by praising their novelty, smoothness of speech or other non-spiritual traits, and their ability to “fill a room”. We furthermore pray that as you bless these servant-leaders with fruit in their ministries, that they not become preoccupied with raising funds rather than ministering, even if rationalizing it as a virtuous but “necessary evil”, and please tear down any Babylon-type system within our ranks that perpetuates such thinking, and the trap it sets for leaders to compromise standards to sustain the expenses of infrastructure financed in the days when the fickle people had their “ears tickled”. Please expose those with non-Christ like motives that exploit these charismatic leaders by underwriting these troubled ministries, to curry political or other favors. Convince these ministry leaders that having a ministry close down or contract for a time is preferred to “sleeping with the Enemy”, being “paid for” like Balaam, and being subject to the “strings attached” from questionable benefactors, even when criticized by those in the Body or other leaders, until if and when You choose to expand or re-direct it, as You our Master dictate. For those ministry leaders who use their sacred position to accumulate wealth and prosperity for them and their families, to establish business and political connections and the power that goes with it, or the immunity derived from elitism to practice their carnal desires unopposed, we pray that you would break them and hopefully lead them to repentance before they cause too many to stumble, and open the eyes of the rest of the Body as to their wiles, and reject these

unfruitful branches, rather than tolerate them. Conversely, provide Your blessings, encouragement and empowerment to humble workers that are low in station, who do not seek great riches for their service, and sacrifice much in their attempt to speak the truth in its purity, even in their flawed and primitive manner; please show the Body how to appreciate, and learn from these “voices crying in the wilderness”.

As you patiently guided and instructed Israel over hundreds of years, please show the American Christian church and its leaders its own unique “idols” it clings to in its “secret places” or out in the open. Help us to understand that “idols” can be anything that we set up in our mind and heart beyond any further critique, thereby becoming an object of worship – a place that You jealously covet only for Yourself. Beyond our obvious American worship of our foremost idols Mammon, or material prosperity, and Bacchus, or pleasure, which is promoted amongst rank-and-file Christians and the leaders as that which we “deserve” as “King’s kids”, help our leaders and us as a Body to recognize those idols that are cloaked in a veneer of virtue. Please expose the common worship of the “American ideal” or myth, and “American Dream” as a heart-warming idol, but an idol nonetheless – built on foundations of deception and lies, but mortared together with a mixture of clichéd and genuine virtues. Help us and our leaders to overcome the insane, arrogant position that “America is always right, and everyone else is wrong”, which we misinterpret as “pride” or “patriotism”, and which is even extended to ignore the collective witness of the Church worldwide against their American brethren at times. Help us to see our own shortcomings of our nation’s behavior, colored by repeated episodes of injustice, bigotry and even savagery, while expressing righteous indignation toward similar behavior in other parts of the world, and in other cultures. Help the American evangelical community to acknowledge our nation’s abuse of Indians, African-Americans, Mexicans and other immigrants, and imperialistic exploitation of others, and injustice and illegal detainment of the innocent, including the most savage incidents on foreigners, our soldiers and our own citizens by our own intelligence services, and to confess our culpability and participation where justified, and our inaction to protect others by not resisting these behaviors at other times. Help us and our leaders to be wary of even Biblical doctrine-based positions that can subtly migrate into types of idolatry. For example, help us to see the careful path we must tread in accordance with your future plans for a nation in Israel as some of us in the Body understand, and instruct us how to be a “blessing” to “Abraham’s seed” as followers of Christ by peacefully spreading the Gospel message rather than weapons of war, and to know when to step back and watch Your plan unfold, including Your shaking of both individuals and nations to lead them to repentance, rather than meddling in Your plans with actions You have not called us to do. Help us not to confuse the “profane” national objectives with sacred Kingdom ones in this regard, and use the objectives of one to accomplish actions in the domain and with tools of the other. Help us to recognize, expose

and reprove injustice and other evil performed by officials of the United States, Israel, or any other nation, as citizens of “another Kingdom” and ambassadors here, not being a “respector of persons” as our Lord, and as faithful in our reproof of iniquity by those in power as was John the Baptist, the “greatest man” of Jesus’ time.

Help our American Christian leaders, Lord, to be grateful for the blessings of liberty you have graciously bestowed upon the citizens of our country, as acknowledging their duty to be “salt and light” as constructive and engaged citizens of our nation and communities. However, as ultimate “citizens of heaven”, help them to realistically and honestly acknowledge the historical and current actions of our nation’s leaders, regardless of the party or ideology of the political leadership at the time, when they depart from Godly virtues such as honesty, non-exploitation, non-violence and the basic principles of Christ’s “Golden Rule”, even when such detrimental actions are not experienced by American Christians themselves, and even when directed to the Church’s ideological opponents. Help them to seriously contemplate whether the title of “Christian nation” commonly used in American Christian circles realistically reflects a correct doctrinal understanding of personal atonement and the true nature of the redeemed Body of Christ, and its applicability to a nation state which includes carnal Christians, Jews, atheists and those of other faiths, as well as a bulk of spiritually-ambivalent citizens, many of which have sacrificed their lives in service to their country and are otherwise constructive citizens, but vary in their status pertaining to their voluntary adoption of the yoke of Christ, and well as His mind. Put a thirst in them to relook at American and world history from a “God’s eye”, or “Kingdom” view, rather than merely through nationalistic or ideological eyes, and honestly assess the historical causes for our nation to be greatly despised through most of the world, including by our allies whom we often betray, which results in true danger to our citizens as a result, and inhibits the spreading of the Gospel by our citizens, who justify our nation’s actions as being under “Christian” principles. Help them to acknowledge the Bible’s position that all nations, without exemption, are influenced by the “Prince of This World” and under his guidance until Your return, and that our best hope is to protect those, both physically and spiritually, who can benefit from our influence, and attempt to support eras of a “Josiah-type” revival or a “Nineveh-styled” repentance, and “buy time” for innocent peoples and their protection, and for as many as possible to come to a saving faith. Let such assessments of historical or current actions of our nation be done without respect to our personal political ideologies, or those in which are ingratiated to, and “speak truth” as we know it to our allies and fellow believers even when under personal ridicule or loss of power and influence, and with the acknowledgment that we all “see through a mirror darkly”, and that our perspectives, and that of those with which we disagree, should be open to change with more study, and further guidance from God’s Spirit.

Dear Lord, many of us have become a body of believers in our nation that have been somehow seduced by war-making and violent imposition of our national will on others. This mindset is often reflected in those in leadership positions particularly within the evangelical component of the Body of Christ in America, by their public sustained glorification of the American “warrior” as a concept and ultimate expression of sacred and unassailable Christian virtue in our society, much like the Spartans and other past societies that glorified war-making, and in glorifying our military might as a sign of God’s blessing, as well as mandate. Help them to ask hard questions of why America amongst all the world’s nations, feels it is uniquely tasked, and entitled, to permanently station military troops around the world and in intimidation of those with differing cultures, either without the invitation of these peoples or their leaders, and if such “special” duties are justified in the world view expressed in the Bible. Help them to see how such arrogant actions drain our nation’s resources, logically breed enemies around the globe, and put our young men and women in direct physical risk, taking them away from their families for long periods, and the emotional disasters wrought on soldiers who are often forced to accomplish tasks in direct affront to their ingrained morality. Help our leaders to see the Bible’s teachings on the reasoning behind the continual warring of Gentile nations (which includes our own), and spiritual powers and deceptive motives behind such warfare as expressed in the Book of Revelation, and historical evidence from all our nation’s wars, including the most “just” ones, that banking and economic interests set up, bankroll and benefit from such conflicts at the cost of the lives of the poor, and the finances of the middle classes in society, just as implied in the Bible itself. Burden our Christian leaders with a desire to expose such Biblically-supported views, and the historical and current data that supports it, to empower the large masses of Christian American citizens to resist further actions of war-making by powerful interests who stand to prosper from it, not being deceived by violent actions against our interests, typically initiated by powerful, disguised institutions, that are deceptively intended to provoke us to war and attack others (much like Nero and the Roman citizens). Based upon a Biblical worldview of the Gentile nations and their motives, help them to realistically question data and justifications provided by government officials and their henchmen serving as paid advisors in national media, to justify military and other hostile actions, as well as corrupt and power-hungry leaders in other nations as well. Use the church and its leaders in lands being provoked to war, to help them expose the agendas of their corrupt leaders in their respective lands, and be conduits of love to resist hatred between the peoples of good will in such nations in tension, and to address animosity to the leaders of such nations (including our own), and not the peoples in general. Lead them to lead our nation’s Christians to repent of our glorification of war and its superpower imposition of its will on others via direct or threatened military force, at least since the Cold War, and seek to rebuild bridges of good will with the peoples of other lands, to reduce violence, protect our missionaries who struggle to share the Good News under such conditions, and to no longer inhibit our ability to spread the Gospel worldwide in general.

Lord, we pray that our Christian leaders and media in America will seriously reconsider how Your Son would now address those who practice the Muslim religion. While we concede that lives were lost in the 2001 attacks on our soil, and isolated incidents of terror have occurred in the decades earlier towards peoples of the West, help us to look at the events of world history from Your view, and the actions of many, often hidden from our view or merely just ignored, that can shed light on the roots of this animosity and conflict. Help us to grasp that history teaches us that these conflicts are often initiated and provoked by powerful interests that hide their tracks, and for indirect benefits to their own power and wealth, as virtually all wars can be so explained. Help us to understand the bitter truth that the historical actions of the leaders of even our own nation have significantly contributed to such circumstances by overthrowing democratic, secular governments in Muslim lands via disguised terror and in turn installing tyrants, and our own allies have been exposed as disguised Muslims in attacks on Americans to further their own aims. Help us, and our Christian leaders and media who control the framework of the debate in Christian circles, to see this difficult issue through the framework of Christ's Golden Rule, and treat people of the Muslim faith in like manner as we would be considered and treated. As such, help them and us to see that having military bases and operations from a foreign power and that associated with another religious faith established in any country can portray arrogance and an aggressive posture, and that active resistance to such occupation would be similarly conducted by our own patriotic peoples under similar circumstances, to put our American Middle East operations in perspective. Help us to recognize that figures whose motives we little know can use their influence, even through Christian media and leadership, to fan the flames of hatred and paranoia in our Body, much as the Pharisees did in the days of Jesus and Paul. Help them to show the American Christians that while leaders in Muslim-dominated countries may be corrupt and self-serving, much as the leaders in non-Muslim lands, the peoples of these lands, while differing in faith, predominantly want to live in peace and raise their children in tranquility, as they have done alongside Christians and Jews worldwide for centuries. Help them to see that the widespread hatred spread in Christian circles of Muslim peoples in general, and paranoia of the motives of the one billion people who profess such a faith, is agenda driven and even profit-inducing for certain parties, much like the most absurd elements of the Red Scare decades ago, and it greatly displeases You. Help our Christian leaders to suppress wild exaggerations about Muslim faith, history, actions and motives, which energize such hatred, and make it difficult for our missionaries in Muslim lands to bear fruit in evangelization while identified as Americans, as well as lost opportunities to spread the Good News to Muslims who relocate to America. Forgive us for the Koran burnings and vandalism here, Lord, and rather focus on Your assignment to love and share Your Word to all peoples. Help those who are sincerely concerned about religious persecution from Muslims or any other source to focus their energies into establishing strong laws separating civil and religious powers, and limiting the intrusion of State influence into the

operations of any religious group, be they Christian or others.

Please, Lord, help our Christian media and other leaders recognize the traps and ensnarement laid by overt or subtle ingratiation to specific political parties, or other powerful figures. In their zeal to be salt and light in our communities, and to be effective in bearing positive fruit in our society, let them not be seduced by the flatteries of powerful political, economic or other social figures, and their inducements of finances and other assets of power, which always have strings attached to such offerings. Let them not be “star-crossed” by celebrity of any form, and thus be co-opted for another foreign agenda by those whose skills specialize in such subterfuge within the public. In fact, help them to be highly suspicious of powerful figures who seek to ingratiate themselves within Christian leadership, particularly when they have political ambitions, and to diligently search out the backgrounds and motives of such individuals and groups, and “flee the appearance of evil” when necessary, even if negative financial or other access consequences occur as a result. Help them to see the means by which our political parties have exploited evangelical Christians and other public sectors by giving lip-service to their agendas, but never delivering in exchange for the votes delivered by Christian leaders, such as the sustained tragedy of abortions that have occurred under decades of Republican leadership and in contradiction to their political platform. Help them to see that thinly disguised political speeches from pulpits and other Christian meetings create a stumbling block to those of differing political convictions who cynically perceive the Church as offering anything but access to a “Heavenly Kingdom”.

Help our Christian media and leadership prayerfully contemplate the rising promotion of the Dominionistic merging of Church and State within American Christian circles, as it has grown over decades. Please expose those tares who have contorted Biblical passages to place Gentile nations like America in the direct substitutionary position of Israel in Scripture, and misapplied passages from their context of Israel’s history and special place in God’s covenant relationship with humanity to our nation, to justify using the coercive, secular reins of government to force a Biblical moral law on all peoples, including those not yoked to Christ Himself. Please show our leaders the tragic, corruptive and even violent results when the Church was given the reins of power in the days of Constantine, and that instead of it providing a means to protect Christians, it provided a military and police force for one segment of the Body of Christ to impose its convictions on the other, and persecute their definition of “heretics” with the power of the State. Expose those who manipulate politicians and the Christian masses to serve their ambitions and create their positions of civil and spiritual authority over peoples, whether they call themselves “apostles” or whatever title, and the threat they pose to Bible-believing Christians who choose to answer only to You. Expose the actions of those who have contorted the clearly hostile attitudes to

the Gospel of many of America's "Founding Fathers", and have deceptively portrayed them as bastions of Christian doctrine, and thus promoted our nation as an entity defined as a "Christian nation", with the agenda of justifying use of State power to support the moral convictions of a small portion of the Body of Christ over other Christians and non-believers, and to enhance their personal power. Help our Christian community to recognize that all the power of the State and its laws cannot make a single man moral, nor control what he does in secret but that You see, but can only try to prevent a man from physically harming another, or hold him accountable for such. Rather, help our Christian community and its leadership see that only an empowered Church, leading by moral example and with the power of a pulpit held with integrity and a commitment to your Word and loving example, can provide any chance for moral and spiritual revival in our Land. Raise up humble and contemplative Christians to serve the public in civil functions, in their role as a servant and protector of all, including those with which they disagree, to serve as examples of God's love for all peoples.

Lord, please forgive us for our silence during the suffering of those who are innocent who experience our nation's active torture and rendition programs, and are forgotten in unknown lands, without dignity or civil or human rights, and without recourse and hope. While we understand our nation does have those who do wish to do us harm, for various complex reasons of which we are often complicit, reliable government officials tell us that many or even most of those confined in these dreary places are typically found to be innocent of unlawful acts, rather "being in the wrong place in the wrong time", or turned over to our officials in acts of petty vengeance by locals. Lord, despite whatever euphemism our officials use to describe these acts of torture and unlawful kidnapping and confinement, with terms like "enhanced interrogation" resembling those like "terminating a pregnancy", we know you see in those hidden places those unspeakable acts that only rarely come to our attention, as well as hearing the cries of those unjustly treated, as you did in Old Testament days, and amongst civilians bombed and shot in the crossfire of our world's wars. Our nation claims that our Constitutional rights are "inalienable" as human beings and granted by You, yet we deny those rights to others, even recommending to pass laws to apply retroactively to these persons, and to promote "military trials", which are nothing more than secret trials intended to keep the tenuous or non-existent evidence against detainees from the public, as well as evidence of torture-generated confessions. We know from reliable officials that these same subjects of torture are often prevented from release to cover up the torture of subsequently-discovered innocent parties, resulting in their indefinite detainment, and extinguishment of all hope of justice. We see hard evidence of sexual abuse of prisoners under military and intelligence detainment, and acts considered blasphemous to the religious convictions of those of other faiths, to nullify their attempt to maintain chastity and holiness in devotion to God as they understand it, or to

humiliate and degrade them. Lord, please wake up those in our national Christian media and leadership to be not silent on this great evil, not looking the other way or even condoning it, as many of our brethren in Germany regrettably did generations ago. Help us to grasp Your Golden Rule and Your Son's parable of the Good Samaritan concerning these poor souls, as well as His command to love our enemies. Please help our Christian leaders to critique our government officials and those who attempt to justify such behavior, and look behind the offered rationale to explore the real truth of such conditions, even when it leads to uncomfortable conclusions. Help us to adopt the cause of those unjustly accused and treated, as Your Word and Your Son command, and extend our resources to restrain the excesses of patriotism, at least as much as we promote it. Lastly, help us to recognize that beyond our compassion for others so abused, help us to see that nullification of civil rights of non-citizens, and even the emerging Government discretion to remove citizenship from current citizens, will come to haunt the Christian community, and will be the noose with which our officials will one day hang Bible-believing Christians, who have already been identified as extremists and terrorists by our own government – a noose fashioned largely by our own hands. Remind us that we will soon meet our Savior, who will show us the eternal wounds on His body derived from torture delivered by government and religious officials, as well as our brethren through the ages who have shared in His sufferings.

Through this requested time of soul searching, help our American Christian leaders, and the entire Christian community, to ponder why we have unanimously embraced the cause of authoritarian power structures in our society in general, and consistently cheer the boot of authority on the neck of the individual on the ground, rather than take up the cause of those who have not rightly earned such treatment (often because they did not “toe the line” ideologically or merely possessed assets desired by the State such as Naboth), and instinctively ask by what right such treatment is meted out. Remind us that such incidents exist within our own communities among local and state law enforcement, as well as overseas and in foreign lands, including tragedies in children's services that impact almost every family. Help us to also appreciate the sacrifices and tremendous challenges facing our law enforcement members, and the pressure applied to them by the growing militarization of our police forces, and the battlefield and urban warfare trauma experienced by returning veterans who are actively recruited by such groups. Help our leaders and our Christian community take the cause of oppression of the innocent and vulnerable in our society and world as seriously as our rightful defense of the unborn and other moral causes in society, as You in Your Word command, but which has been woefully ignored by our evangelical leaders and community.

In a larger context, help us, Lord, to not just bemoan the corrupt actions of our government in addressing societal concerns via entitlement programs, government handouts and the welfare state operated by an unelected elite bureaucracy, but to realize that the moral and physical welfare of our nation's citizens is the responsibility of its Christian community, and no other institution. Show us how to be our "brother's keepers", and take responsibility for our community's needs which have been ceded to the State for almost a century. Show us that laws do not make communities moral, healthy or prosperous, but rather engagement by Your children to protect the "fatherless, the widow, and the stranger", to expose the "dishonest weights and measures" of commerce, and other demands for society you have decreed, by direct means that government intervention can never adequately address. Help us to recognize that such actions will help us to facilitate the Great Commission by earning the respect of unbelievers and truth searchers, and lead to those who turn to Christ after having seen it lived so attractively by those who are known by "how they love one another". To accomplish these challenging goals, please impress upon comfortable American Christians and their leaders that it must necessitate their change of lifestyle, to embrace an activist approach, and a rejection of the materialistic goals too readily adopted by American Christian culture. Inspire our Christian leaders and rank and file Christians with singular community issues with which they can embrace and take ownership, such as those who have singularly addressed human trafficking and similar threats. Show to individuals the joy of activism and intercession for others, via protests, political action where needed and direct solutions to societal ills. Raise up big dreamers and visionaries in the Christian community to begin a dialogue and conspire together to solve the great societal problems, such as health care, care for the aged and need for employment and economic security for all peoples in our communities, led by the economic might, talent, energies and other resources you have given your Christian body in America, without the need for government assistance. Let our children in Christian homes see their parents out on the streets and representing the needy and defenseless to their aid, so they will respect the Christian example of their parents as activists in meeting the needs of others, and resisting evil and injustice. Motivate our Christians to set down the television remote control and turn away from empty entertainment and amusements for a while, and devote their time to such worthy endeavors for their fellow man, and in service to the Lord. Help this mindset to become the new culture of Christian America, as well as a turning from materialistic goals and standard of living peer pressure in Christian circles, both in families and within Christian institutions, and help them to trade in the fine cars, chandeliers and church gymnasiums for humble provisions and assets turned over to meet the needs of the poor per the example of Cornelius in the Book of Acts, and to help our embattled missionaries and poor brethren struggling around the globe.

Help our Christian leaders and media specialists address these and other unpopular issues, as “voices crying in the wilderness” like the prophets of old, whose messages were not popular like the false prophets, and thus did not prosper economically as a result, but whose faithful messages from God inspired generations to come. Help them to be innately contemplative in their nature on these issues and be “slow to speak”, and immediately suspect the powerful institutions and individuals in this world but extend grace to the weak and the stranger in every matter. Give them the faith to know that You will sustain their ministries as You see fit if their unpopular stands cost them support in the Christian community, and recognize that God’s will may permit a contraction or even closure of some ministries at set times, as is God’s will for His obedient servants who remain faithful to His leading, regardless of the impact. Help them to avoid “easy” answers that appeal to pride, patriotism and generally make us “feel good”, and help them to seek challenging answers that often humble us, knowing that “those that mourn shall be comforted”. Help them to challenge the Christian community to seek means by which they can empathize with those who criticize us, and accept accountability and desire for restoration even on issues of which we are only partially to blame, to set an example of Christ’s love and humility, and “take the first step” of reconciliation that can assist others in accepting the “light yoke” of Christ, who is “meek, and lowly in heart”.

Although this prayer is in intercession for our American Christian media and other leadership, we ask that these intercessory requests also be made manifest in every individual Christian throughout America, and that they function in concert with Christian leaders under Christ’s direction, to better seek His ways amidst all the deceptions and distractions of this day. Help them to hold each other accountable, and continue to intercede for and exhort each other in mutual submission and in humility of heart. We pray that for those who have either drafted this prayer, recited it or been the subject of its intercession, that you would build unity of vision and a mutual spirit of patience as we all “see through a mirror darkly” into these complex issues of today, and help us restore a simple, humble and meek faith and Christian culture amongst ourselves, bearing with each other and our differing and evolving views and experiences, while retaining each other’s dignity and respect. Help us to refrain from cynicism, and not fear naivete as we bravely address these matters with imperfect information and understanding, making mistakes along the way as we over-generalize and overlook exceptions, other perspectives and our own ignorance, and do not let our acknowledgement of these limitations keep us from taking bold actions in love, as we feel led by Your Spirit.

Help us to perceive Your working as a result of this intercessory prayer, and thank You for our certainty of Your hearing, and responsiveness to our feeble effort today, and Your promise to ultimately restore all things and perfect them at Your blessed return. Amen.”