Life, Love and Family Daily Fact Sheet Dr. Tim Clinton

"A Praying America"

7 Steps to Biblically Pray for Our Nation:¹

- Let the Word of God motivate you to pray—when you pray according to Scriptures, you know God will answer your prayer (John 15:7).
- Set your face in determination to seek the Lord—when you seek the Lord, he will hear and answer (Daniel 9:3; Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 34:4; Matthew 7:7).
- Sacrifice anything that gets in the way of prayer—sacrifice is God's requirement and fasting from food is one way to renounce control to the Lord. Consider this:
 - 1. When Samuel and the army faced the Philistines, Israel fasted (1 Samuel 7:6)
 - 2. When Nehemiah heard about the destruction of Jerusalem and its walls, he fasted (Nehemiah 1:4)
 - **3.** When Israel faced a holocaust at the hand of Haman, prime minister of Persia, Esther and the nation fasted for three days (Esther 4:16)
 - **4.** All England fasted when they faced the coming invasion by the Spanish Armada. God answered them and sent a storm to destroy the Spanish fleet, and England became a dominant force in the world.
 - **5.** The Continental Congress called for a day of national fasting and prayer when George Washington was facing the British in the Revolutionary War.
 - **6.** Abraham Lincoln called for a national day of prayer and fasting during the Civil War.
- Begin prayer by recognizing God's great ability to intervene in national crisis—don't blame God for not delivering you, if you don't believe He can do it.
- Confess your personal sins and the sins of our nation—identify with these sins, confess for the unsaved, and confess for the Church.
- Ask God to turn away punishment and protect us from terrorism—one prayer meeting
 is not enough. God will honor our prayers when many people pray because this
 demonstrates that our nation is sorry for its sin and is truly repentant.
- We must ask God to again bless America—don't just pray for revival in America; pray for God to revive you.

Quotes:

- "God can always take a small group of people, committed to Him, and He can change the course of history with them."—Congressman Randy Forbes
- o "The true source of power is not found in the halls of Congress, or the chambers of the Supreme Court, or the West Wing of the White House .It is found in the power of prayer."—Congressman Mike McIntyre

- "Nothing of eternal significance is ever accomplished apart from prayer." –Dr. Jerry Falwell
- o "Prayerlessness is our declaration of independence from God."—Dr. Daniel Henderson
- o "There is value in the volume of prayer."—Pastor John Arnold
- "It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue."—John Adams

Verses:

- "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes."—Proverbs 21:1
- "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."—Galatians 6:9
- "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance."—Psalm 33:12
- "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity."—1 Timothy 2:1-2

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Endnotes

¹Jerry Falwell, *How To Pray for Our Nation*, Sermon accessed at http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/how-to-pray-for-our-nation-jerry-falwell-sermon-on-prayer-general-139403.asp.