

Lord God, we desperately need your wisdom. You have given us a great country, founded on principles and truths from Your Word. We need men and women who will honor You, trust You, and lead us once again back to You. We pray for servant leaders who love the things You love and who care more about others than themselves. Give us leaders with discerning hearts, bold faith, and wise minds that model Your character. Teach them—and us—not just what is good, but what is best. Guide them in the way our country should go. Give them purity in their intentions, and godliness in their convictions. Energize their spirits and bodies physically and spiritually, and keep them emotionally secure in the knowledge of who You are—and whose they are. Help them to be bighearted and sincere, energetic in goodness, and courteous in their manners. Raise up leaders with the greatest potential of godly leadership, those who can ease confusion, expose illusion, and heal delusion. You alone hold the power to turn the hearts of leaders, but You listen and use our prayers to move them into right action. Help us to be faithful to care and to pursue Your heart in prayer.

[Psalms 2:10-11](#) - Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

America is hurting. Pandemics, racial inequalities, job loss, and political division have caused great suffering. We are called to be salt and light on the earth. As Christians, we can begin healing our land through prayer and action. Let us come together not just by words but a faith that produces works. The love and grace of God can begin turning the tide of America.

We look to You and to You, only, Lord. Help us make wise decisions that move our country in the right direction. Help us to do our part in praying and in staying with what we know is right according to the truth of Your Word. Teach us to make our actions count and our words matter, and line them both up to Your

sense of rightness, not ours. Guide us with Your eye; grip us with Your strong arm; teach us what we need to know to make our lives - and our nation - count for you.

Let parents daily pray and cover their children without ceasing.

Lord, I pray those youth who don't know you, they will receive you into their hearts as Lord and Saviour of their lives.

Romans 12:12 ~ Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

- **1. Genesis 3:14-15 — God has always had victory over evil.**

As soon as Satan appeared in the form of a snake and tempted Adam and Eve to sin, God handed down his sentence: "Then the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel'" (NLT).

This wasn't just a metaphor about Satan's conflict with humans and his eventual humiliation; it was a statement of God's ultimate victory. Evil might be able to wound people for a time, but from the beginning God knew that Jesus would defeat death and Satan. Although the devil intended for sin and brokenness to destroy us, his designs are powerless, and suffering won't have the final word.

- **2. Psalm 56:8 — Our sorrow matters to God.**

The psalmist David faced nearly constant hardship, from betrayal by friends and family to threats against his life. While he was being held captive by an enemy nation, he penned this prayer: "You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book" (NLT).

When we're hurting we may feel like God is distant or distracted, but he's described here in a profoundly tender, engaged and intimate way. God cared about David's heartache enough to notice and remember each tear, and he cares about our sorrows with the same gentle intensity. Nothing we go through escapes his compassionate attention.

• **7. Revelation 21:3-4 — Our suffering will end in joy.**

No matter how deeply we ache now, suffering has an expiration date: "I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever" (NLT).

Our hard times won't just get better — hardship will completely cease to exist someday! This passage isn't wishful imagination. It's an unshakeable promise of a real day when we'll live with God and experience his complete restoration in heaven. There will be no more sin or brokenness, no more fear, loss or grief. There will just be freedom, joy and wholeness forever.

God's loving hands have been around his children from the beginning of time, and his plan of victory and redemption through his Son has never wavered. Our path may lead through suffering for a while, but God is with his people every step of the way, tenderly caring for us, giving us refuge, growing our strength, hearing our hearts, drawing us into community and leading us toward complete wholeness. Until our permanent healing comes, we can continue to find the steady light of hope in his Word.

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