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IMA pioneer
missionary
**John Mortimer,
Sr. passed
away on Sep-
tember 9, 2020**

Quotable Quotes

**“Why should we pray for our country?
Because we need it... And the only answer
to what plagues America is Jesus Christ! No
politician or political party can restore America.
If restoration is to happen, it MUST be done
by God. Our responsibility, dear believers,
is to join the effort in prayer, asking
our Lord to change hearts and minds.
Only He can do that!”**

~ Looking for the Blessed Hope Ministries

**“No matter what part of the world you live in, a
prayer for your country is a sign of nationalism
and caring for where you live. You can pray for
leaders to show wisdom in decisions, prosperity
of the economy and safety within the borders.”**

~ Kelli Mahoney

**“The Christian is truly mature when what he
prays and what he does are the same thing.”**

~ Thomas Merton

**“The more you put your life in God’s hands, the
more He will put His plan in your life.”**

~ Unknown

Highly Holy Habits for Houses of Worship & Homes:

By Dr. Timothy L. Warner



Recent months have shown us the
church’s need to pray more than ever before.
We have seen extreme evil uncovered in the
highest offices of our land. Most states have been
negatively affected by devaluing our flag, burning
buildings, looting of businesses, and even murder.
Scripture teaches us that our first duty when coming
together for public worship is to pray for “kings and all
who are in authority” (I Tim. 2:1-2). Our church prac-
tices this on a weekly basis and the result is people
take this holy habit home to their families and even
workplaces. Here are a few “specifics” to pray when
gathered with Christians or even alone:

1. Pray for elected and appointed officials (I Tim. 2:2);
2. Pray for candidates running for office (I Tim. 2:2);
3. Pray for law enforcement and first responders;
4. Pray for exposure of evil and establishment of truth (Eph. 5:11);
5. Pray truth, justice, and mercy for all humans, even the unborn.

Relational

Actional

Missional



Why Host a Prayer Meeting?

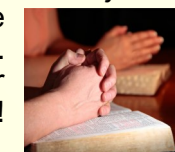
By Dr. Timothy L. Warner; IMA National Chairman

Those who welcomed his message...
devoted themselves to... prayers.
Acts 2:41f

Most people in the USA desire
to know the why behind the what
of something offered. Opportunities are
limitless in our society; so asking why
may be a good thing. God not only
wants us to know the whats of Christi-
anity, but also the whys. The Bible
says to “give an answer to everyone
who asks you to give a reason for the
hope that you have...” (I Peter 3:15
NIV).

So, why should we have a spe-
cific venue for prayer meetings?
Here’s why:

1. **Prayer covering.** Christians who
have chosen God’s premiere meth-
od of identifying with Christ through
the local church receive the benefit
of a spiritual covering. This treas-
ured blessing is fueled primarily by
the joint prayers of its members.
Prayer coverings come only by
“prayers of the saints” who gather in
the name of Christ. Prayer meetings
become the catalyst for loved ones,
near or far, to receive divine protec-
tion and Spirit-empowerment.
2. **Because the focus is different** at a
prayer meeting than at Sunday wor-
ship, Wednesday Bible
Study or Youth Group. The focus of a prayer
meeting is... PRAYER!
We pray for:



- ◆ Church family/personal needs;
- ◆ Ministry leaders and workers;
- ◆ Political leaders/elections;
- ◆ National needs (like Covid-19);
- ◆ Missionaries by name, country;
- ◆ Local law enforcement, judges;
- ◆ Conferences, special events;
- ◆ Great Awakening locally and
abroad!

3. **Prayer meetings often bring about
local or national revivals.** One
time during Sunday School prayer
meeting, a teenage girl named Flor-
rie Evans spoke nine words that
sparked what is called The Great
Welsch Revival in 1904-05. What
were her explosive words that ignit-
ed this great move of God? “I love
the Lord Jesus with all my heart!”
she exclaimed. At least 150,000
people came to Christ in Wales—all
from a young girl speaking out in
faith at a gathering of prayerful peo-
ple.
4. **Prayer meetings change the
hearts of people** to align them-
selves with Christian character; es-
pecially with brokenness and humili-
ty. Author Dan Brownell writes: “As
bleak as our situation appears, we
can experience national healing, but
we must follow God’s ways... [and]
plead for His intervention and a re-
vival. America’s survival depends
on it.” Prayer meetings scattered
across the country will create an at-
mosphere for God’s presence; it will
pave the way for God to move.

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Powerful Prayer in Turbulent Times

By Roy Peterson

We are facing many challenges in the United States today. There is coronavirus, rioting and looting, a push towards socialism, anti-police movement (defunding) and most importantly, the push against Christians and what the Word of God says. Freedom of religion is one of the founding principles of our country.



What are we to do as Christians to change the direction in which our country is headed? II Chronicles 7:14 states, "If My people which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land." When we look at this verse, there are a number of things that God is saying to us. He is speaking to His people, "the church." That is us. We are the ones that need to seek God, humble ourselves, turn from our sins and pray.

Many times we get caught up in telling God what to do. However, He is more interested in meeting our needs as well as the needs of others. His Kingdom priorities far exceed our personal "want" list. He desires us to be godly. One of my favorite verses is I Timothy 6:6;

"But godliness with contentment is great gain."

With the coronavirus, I have been praying for our missionaries and outreaches to the lost around the world. Many missionaries I am in contact with have been hindered in their ministries. It has been very difficult for them to share their message to people to whom they are called. Many missionaries have been hindered in their travels as well. I have been specifically challenged the past couple weeks to pray for the Mortimer family. John, Helena and Cheryl contracted the virus. John Mortimer, Senior passed away Wednesday, September 9th. Please pray for the family for their loss. I encourage you to continue praying for all of our missionaries and stretching ourselves financially to support them.

The United States began as a nation under God, and therefore has always been a giving nation and one that has sent missionaries around the world to share God's love. There is an urgency now more than ever to pray for our country and do whatever we can to make a difference. We must humble ourselves and pray that our nation can return to God and change the path that we are on now.

I am 76 years old and have

seen many changes in this nation, but I have never seen our Christian beliefs attacked so vehemently, Bibles burned throughout the country and the mob violence as is happening currently. The upcoming elections are crucial to maintaining our democracy and freedoms. We need to pray that God will bring a great revival in our nation and to the world. Our nation's future depends on it. Be sure to vote as well.

I am believing for a sovereign move of God to bring this country back to its roots. I am praying for God to bring many more souls into His Kingdom, and I encourage you to do the same. The IMA is uniquely equipped with seasoned ministers to pray for missionaries around the world. God has given many ministers time and opportunity to "make intercession for the saints according to the will of God (Rom. 8:26).

Roy Peterson previously served many years as IMA Missions Director. God worked through Roy to organize our Missions Department, create a new missions manual and streamline missions services at National Conference. He currently serves as a board member in the IMA Western District. He and his wife Candi live in Henderson, Nevada.

The IMA National Board is excited to announce a new Member Services Coordinator. Sean Alexander will officially begin His duties with the National Office on October 1, 2020. National Board subcommittee Sean Dudley, Chad Hayes, Don Crabtree, and Kurt Juszczak have worked tirelessly to bring positive change for administrative leadership to our Home Office. We will have more information next month on this transition, Lord willing.

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Prayer: An Effective Tool for All Believers

By Madelyn Shields

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Colossians 3:17

The guidelines to prayer are written throughout the Bible, in the Old and New Testament, alike. God has given each person an avenue to appeal, worship, praise, and to reverence Him. Prayer is an extremely sacred, personal conversation between God and man. It must become a lifestyle. **Prayer is a mode for God to transform the lives of all humanity.** It is a way of escape from the fears, tensions, burdens, and anxieties of living.

There are times in our lives when prayer is like plowing through rock-hard, dry ground. This is when we pray the Scriptures, sing love songs to God, write our request and realize that Hosea instructed us to **"break up the fallow ground."** Once we pray



through the barren ground, the Scriptures will help us see that God knows our hearts and cares.

Prayer will cultivate within us courage, patience, wisdom, and love. This will give us the strength to face the giants of life's complications and guard our hearts against the enemy of doubt, fears, and tensions that grip us. God's Word speaks to us with authority that "The effectual fervent prayer of

a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16b). Psalm 91 explains that God has prepared a shelter for each one, a place of abiding. He is a strong tower providing safety from the enemy that attacks the soul. Prayer is powerful, cleansing, and healing. It will influence all those around to realize that God is our refuge.

According to a study by Central State Healthcare System, "The psychological benefits of prayer may help reduce stress and anxiety, promote a more positive outlook, and strengthen the will to live." It is imperative to "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Ps 100:4. Prayer, praise and thanksgiving leads you into the realms of Glory; a place where you are one on one with God. It is entering into His domain through prayer that will make the difference because it is here that we become completely honest in our situation, attitudes, positions, and concerns.

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:9). The three Hebrew Children were covered by their prayers. Daniel found safety because of prayer, Paul

and Silas found release through prayer. We must learn that **Prayer is the key that unlocks the door.** While in prayer, always take time to stop and listen to what God has to say to you. Be sensitive to His voice as he ministers to your heart of hearts. Allow His presence to enter into your mind, heart, emotions, and your very soul.



Prayer is an effective tool that will enhance our lives, the lives of our children and loved ones, friends, neighbors, and yes, even our enemies. Knock on God's door often, stay in an attitude of prayer, and the door will be opened unto you.

When everything in life seems to unravel and get all tangled up like a huge ball of yarn and you can't find one end from the other, go to God in earnest prayer. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6-7). While you are petitioning Him for His graceful mercy, don't forget to praise Him for all the blessings in your life; it's amazing what praising can do!

