

## Pray for America

1 Samuel 12:15-25

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Memory Verse: *“Far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you.”* —1 Samuel 12:23

I remember that National Day of Prayer service becoming more of a protest against the government than prayer for our nation.

### 1. Rights of being **Right**

*Samuel said to them, “The LORD is witness against you, and also his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.” “He is witness,” they said.* —1 Samuel 12:5

*God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede.* —Oswald Chambers

### 2. Righteous Prayers

James 5:13-16

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*Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.* —James 5:13

One doesn't have to be a spiritual giant to recognize that everything is not right in America.

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America needs Christians standing true and holy.

### 3. Right-making Prayers

*“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, <sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*  
—2 Chronicles 7:13-14

#### Effective prayers include Repentance

*“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”*  
—James 5:16

Prayer models that don’t work—sermonizing prayer, Pharisaical prayers.

#### Effective Prayer Model: A-C-T-S

**Adoration** (Luke 11:2, 2 Chronicles 7:14) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Confession** (Isaiah 6:5, 2 Chronicles 7:14, James 5:16) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thanksgiving** (Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:18) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Supplication** (James 4:2, Matthew 7:7-8) \_\_\_\_\_

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