

Think About It!

This prayer was given by minister Joe Wright at the opening of the new session of the Kansas State Senate. It is a passionate prayer calling our country to repentance and righteousness. Several legislators walked out in protest, but the response from the public has been overwhelmingly positive. Of the 5000 calls received, only 47 have been negative.

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe on those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that;

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self Preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn children and called it a choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.

We have abused power and called it Political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will. I ask in the name of Your Son, the living Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen."

May this prayer be our desire so that our nation can again be known as a Christian nation and be a beacon of light to the rest of the world.

A Hidden Message

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Ezekiel 16:6 says, "And when I passed by thee and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, live, yea I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, live."

The Lord helped me to write on this because it stayed in my mind when Brooks Strickland, a member of the Waycross Primitive Baptist Church, explained this verse to me.

Imagine a new born baby, covered in blood, helpless out in a field, with no mother to care for her. When the Lord was passing by, the Lord saw that

baby lying there. In that field, she was helpless and covered in blood. God saved the girl, clothed her, and gave her silver and gold. She turned into a beautiful woman. He raised that baby up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She turned into a beautiful lady, and then she turned into a whore. She turned away from God. She rebelled against God, then God left her the same way he found her. By this time, she had her children.

This story is similar to the story of our nation. We have turned away from God and need to turn back. Abortion,

divorce and remarriage without scriptural grounds, and homosexual marriages are some examples of how this nation has turned away from God, His word, and His way. My Daddy told me that there are even some parts of the nation that do not even allow parents to spank their children. There should only be one man for one woman, and anyone who spares the rod is spoiling the child.

Just like that baby, our nation grew up with God's teaching, and then turned away from God. We are like that baby, helpless and polluted. We need to turn back to God.

The Perfect Church

*If you should find the perfect church,
Without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake,
don't join that church,
You'd spoil the atmosphere.*

*If you should find the perfect church,
Where all anxieties cease,
Then pass it by, lest joining it,
You'd mar the master-piece*

*If you should find the perfect church,
Then don't you ever dare,*

*To tread upon such Holy ground;
You'd be a misfit there.*

*But since no perfect church exists,
Made of imperfect men,
Then let's cease looking
for that church,
And love the church we're in.*

*Of course, it's not a perfect church,
That's simple to discern.
But you and I and all of us*

Could cause the tide to turn.

*What fools we are to flee our post,
In that unfruitful search,
To find at last where problems loom,
There God builds His church.
So let's keep working in the church,
Until the resurrection,
And then we'll join
God's perfect church,
Without an imperfection.*

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