

PRAYER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Key Thought: Righteousness expresses the will of God.

Key Scripture: “*Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people*” (Proverbs 14:34).

Prayer: Return a spirit of righteousness to the United States of America, Father, for this is what our nation needs – righteous people who put you first in their lives. Lead us all to seek first your righteousness and your kingdom, for in so doing everything else we need will be added unto us.¹

I pray that all our people will receive the free gift of righteousness that you have promised to all who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord.²

Thank you for showing me that all my righteousness is as filthy rags in your sight, O Lord; I am incapable of producing righteousness in my life, but you are my righteousness.³ Through the blessed life Abraham you have shown us the important connection between faith and righteousness, Lord, for as Abraham believed in you, you counted it to him righteousness.⁴ Impart your gift of faith to our nation, Father, so that our citizens will learn to walk in righteousness.

Lord, it is not because of our righteousness that you have allowed us to possess this great land, but it is simply because of your good pleasure toward us.⁵ Render to each person your righteousness and faithfulness.⁶ You show your great mercy to those who walk before you in truth and righteousness and in uprightness of heart.⁷ Help Americans everywhere to see this truth, to walk in it and to be thankful for your mercy.

Declare your righteousness to our people, Master.⁸ The heavens declare your righteousness and all the people of our land can see your glory.⁹ Let them see, Lord; open their eyes.

Lead us in the way of your righteousness, O Lord. Your fruit of righteousness is better than fine gold and you always cause those who love you to inherit your substance. Fill the treasuries of our land, Lord, as our people turn to Christ and to standards of righteous living.¹⁰ Awaken our people to their need for your righteousness so they will learn to sin not. Some don't have the knowledge of you, Father Awaken them, I pray.¹¹

Now, therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of your servant. Hear my supplications and cause your face to shine upon our nation. O my God, incline your ear and hear me. Open your eyes and see the desolation around us, even in a land that knows your name. I do not present my supplications before you because of the righteousness of the United States, but simply because I know your mercies are great. O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive our people. O Lord, hearken and return us to your righteous standards. Defer not, for your own sake, O my God, for this is a nation that proclaims to trust in you.¹²

Scripture References: (1) Matthew 6:33; (2) Romans 5:17; (3) Isaiah 64:6; (4) Genesis 15:6; (5) Deuteronomy 9:6; (6) 1 Samuel 26:23; (7) 1 Kings 3:6; (8) Psalms 22:31; (9) Psalms 97:6; (10) Proverbs 8:17-21; (11) 1 Corinthians 15:34; (12) Daniel 9:18-19.

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