

PRAYER FOR THE MEDIA

Key Thought: The media's influence in our culture is far reaching.

Key Scripture: *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" (Isaiah 52:7).*

Prayer: Heavenly Father, for many years we've watched the gradual desensitization of our society as a result of some media that have become saturated with sexual immorality, profanity, violence and rebellion in both print and broadcast realms. I ask you to convict the hearts of the producers and other media representatives of their need to be both responsible and caring with regard to programming and publishing. I ask you, lord, to convict them in their own consciences.¹

Guard the minds of children, young people and impressionable adults from the mental manipulation that often occurs through television, radio, motion pictures, music and other sources. Help me, and all who know your name, to be not conformed to this world, but rather to be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may be able to prove what is your good and perfect and acceptable will.²

Lord, you are the Rock. Your work is perfect. All your ways are judgment. You are a God of truth and you are without iniquity – you are completely just and right. Many of the people of your creation have corrupted themselves; they have become a perverse and crooked generation. Help the people of our nation to remember the days of old, to acknowledge you as their Creator and Establisher, to appreciate all you have done for us.³

Let there be a return to wholesome programming in the media. May motion pictures and other dramatic forms present values that are consistent with the Judeo-Christian ethic upon which our nation was founded. Return our national focus to whatsoever things are just, pure, of good report, true, lovely and righteous for we know that if there be any virtue of praise, these are the things that must take priority in our national consciousness.⁴

Inspire our leaders to bring our national priorities in line with yours, O Lord. Move on their hearts to seek counsel from your mouth⁵ and to incline their ears to your wisdom⁶ and their hearts to the understanding you alone can give.⁷ Break through to media representatives and advertisers and convince them of their need to follow suit and of their need for responsibility and accountability to you and to this nation.

Lord God, I beseech you to pour out your Spirit upon all the people of our nation. Convict them of sin. Convince them of their need for your righteousness. Bring them unto repentance,⁸ saving faith in Jesus Christ⁹ and fill them with your Holy Spirit.¹⁰ Let them receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them and be witnesses for Jesus Christ in their home towns, in all of America and to the ends of the earth.¹¹ Use the media of our nation to help bring this to pass.

Scripture References: (1) John 8:9; (2) Romans 12:2; (3) Deuteronomy 32:4-7; (4) Philippians 4:8; (5) Joshua 9:14; (6) Proverbs 2:2,6; (7) Psalms 119:34; (8) Acts 3:19; (9) John 3:16; (10) Acts 2:38; (11) Acts 1:8.

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