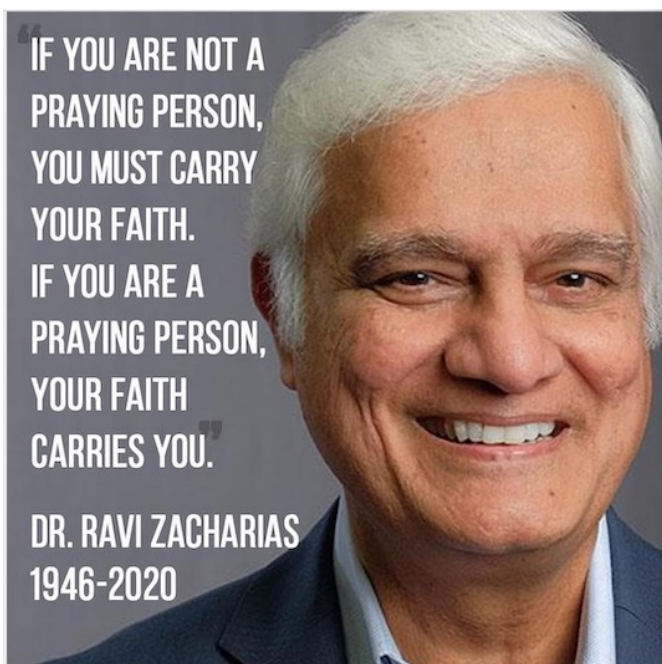




A Plea & Pattern for Prayer Over Nations



An Intercessory Plea ~~in-substitution-for~~ Rampant Incompetence in our Nations!

With my two most recent blog posts: [Covid Cures and Prevention](#), and [Becoming Covid-Safe and Free](#), any reader of those, alongside this brief study may comprehend the need of our nation and others for professional integrity, accountability and competence within our governing Health and Political, **publicly commissioned** leaders.

Please bring this case and cause for prayer into the ears of the Almighty by these scriptures :within: [the Word of the Lord](#).

We are commissioned to **speak** the changes we discover while reading and praying over these things, for we're seated "far above all rule and authority and every name that is named, both in this age and the one to come", ~cf. Ephesians 2:6 & 1:19-23.

As Christian believers we've "been made complete in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority", ~Colossians 2:10 and He is "the apostle and high priest of our confession", ~Hebrews 3:1 so that whatever we speak (of our confession) according to what we've found to be His will through the scriptures, He does! (apostle & high priest).

This is where you "sit" as you pray: "seated with Him in heavenly places":

"Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

"Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty", ~Revelation 1:4-8, ESV.

It is God Himself who makes our prayers effective, so "rest your words" in Him, aye.

Please reflect upon my commentary and highlighted applications of the following [scriptures](#) and pray as you are lead by Holy Spirit.

Hosea 4:1-4, ESV

["Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel \(Australian believers in our Lord\) for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land.](#)

["There is no faithfulness or steadfast love,
and no **knowledge of God** in the land;
there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery;
they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.](#)

According to one police officer I've spoken with, we hear about 5% of the crimes and criminal activity that occurs in our nation through news reports. So multiply what you hear and see on news reports by 19 and you're approaching 'the state of your nation'.

“Therefore **the land mourns**,
and all who dwell in it languish,
and also the beasts of the field
and the birds of the heavens,
and even the fish of the sea are taken away.

What about the effect of our recent fires, and what we know to be people’s languishing!

“Yet let no one contend,
and let none accuse,
for with you is My contention, O priest

In the original circumstance that Hosea was speaking to, he spoke prophetically of the nation of Israel whom God had commissioned as a priesthood for the nations. This means that His contention or controversy is also with us as Christ’s Church for we have been made-by-Him to be His royal priesthood for the global nations, ~cf. 1 Peter 2:9.

Since this claim: “..with you is My contention, O priest..” is a prophetic claim of our Lord’s voice - His claim upon the people - then we must interpret it as such. It can be taken two ways, for in the ESV there’s a note attached to “priest”, and it reads:

for your people are like those who contend with the priest

So, either-and:

God is contending and taking up a controversy with us as Jesus’ Church - His royal priesthood, His chosen generation and His holy nation ~cf. 1 Peter 2:9 - contending with us for letting our nation degenerate into such ruins, for He’s given us an intercessory role as Abraham did for Lot when Lot had immersed himself in Sodom for residence and for a convenient protection ~cf. Genesis 13:14-18 & 18:22 - 19:22.

We can become guilty of taking residence among the world for convenience sake as Lot did, even for the sake of not having to stand up morally for what we believe in: the Truth.

Admittedly, the truth about these matters re ‘the pandemic’ is not easily found, and yet: Does that absolve us of our responsibility to search out and stand on what **is** true?

God will not give us confidence for answered prayer if we hide among lies.

And/Or:

God is saying that the people of our lands are “like those who contend with the priest”. Therefore, If we’re right about these things concerning ‘the pandemic’ and the demise of our health and political systems, then God will give us the prayers that are effective and the claims that agree with His providential, heavenly truth, so that they will be implemented.

For to the nation of Israel in Hosea’s time, God said:

Hosea 4:5-6, ESV

“You shall stumble by day (due to their decent into immorality and claim that it’s right);
the prophet also shall stumble with you by night
(there’s no repentance without Truth, and if God’s prophetic people aren’t claiming and
showing His truth, then whole nations become lost)
and I will destroy your mother (the one you’ve relied on as an ‘excuse for your life’).

e.g. “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness”, ~1 Peter 2:24a, see also 2:24b-3:7. For this passage’s qualifications for wives and husbands is conditioned upon the quoted verse: “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness”.

For the qualifying instructions follow: “Likewise wives (and then, the instructions)..”, ~3:1 and “Likewise husbands (and then, the instructions)..”, ~3:7. So, our conduct as families - as our ‘mothering origins’ - determines the prosperity of our nations because families are the fibre and perpetuity of nations.

But men - and especially our commissioned governmental and health leaders - are the ones who must take a truthful lead: “Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honour to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered”, ~3:7.

“..the woman as the weaker vessel..”, means physically weaker! There’s less muscle mass per body mass for the woman. By application, it means: Be considerate of her physical needs so you can pray.

How will we-as-a-nation be connected in unity with God if our men-folk are ‘wandering around in the wilderness’ of this world’s value, conducting ourselves as “do as we have always done” -creatures, and “just as our mothering nurture, whether of our peers or of our family” has taught us to live? How!

For, isn’t this just how our leaders of late, are found to be conducting themselves: “just as our mothering nurture, whether of our peers or of our family” has taught us to live? Well, God says: I will destroy your mother - what you’ve relied on of your mothering nurture that’s made you ‘what you are’ - particularly if that’s your attitude and you’re not willing to learn new and right conduct, seeking and applying the truth.

If men don’t take the lead in the context of honouring their wives and families, especially for all civic and governing realms, our nation will not rise in right standing with God.

But if-and-since we also pray for forgiveness over these things on behalf of our responsibility to uphold these values and on behalf of our nation’s society and culture that’s deserted these values, God will restore us and our lands, ~cf. 2 Chronicles 7:14.

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land ~2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV.

Returning to Hosea 4:5-6

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge
(their lands were void of the knowledge of God and of Truth ~cf. v1)
because you have rejected knowledge,
I reject you from being a priest to me (Woe! What a judgment!)
And since you have forgotten the law of your God (our faith in Christ fulfils the law)
I also will forget your children (That’s just the consequence we’re starting to see!)

Is there reason there to get on our knees? Surely there’s more than enough reason here!

Isaiah 5:11-13, tPt

“Woe to those who start drinking early in the morning,
lingering late into the night to get drunk with wine.
Their lavish parties are complete with
the music of harps and flutes—and the wine flows!

“Yet they have no respect for what Yahweh has done,
nor do they contemplate the work of his hands!
Therefore, **My people** go into exile for lack of understanding.
Their leaders are starving,
their multitudes parched with thirst”.

If we as leaders of God’s people can’t bring Truth to them, then they themselves will starve for the truth and the great company of those who would have known the truth will go thirsty for it, having not received it.

Isaiah 5:14-17, tPt

“The shadowy realm of death grows thirsty for souls
and opens its mouth even wider to drink in the people!

“It gulps down the leaders of Jerusalem (the ignorant and willing-to-be ignorant Church),
along with their noisy, boasting crowds!

“..noisy, boasting crowds!..” Entertainment style church is good for its bold and confident praise and worship etc, but it has its pitfalls, like a temptation due to relationships in the church of despising “the least among you”.

We need to heed and apply what Jesus said when the disciples were arguing among themselves, saying: Who’s the greatest!

“Jesus called a little child to his side and said to them, “If you tenderly care for this little child on my behalf, you are tenderly caring for me. And if you care for me, you are honouring my Father who sent me. For the one who is least important in your eyes is actually the most important one of all”, ~Luke 9:47-48, tPt.

Proverbially! It’s far more important, even than serving others in our own group, to look out for those on the outside - outside of our argument! - whom we’ve considered unimportant by arguing! This can be applied to many of the social and cultural circumstances we see among “My people with whom I-Am raising this controversy”.

Returning to Isaiah 5:14-17, tPt

“The people will be humiliated, all of humanity humbled,
and the arrogant will be brought low (that ‘smacks of’ victory if we follow this Way)

“With justice the Lord Yahweh,
Commander of Angel Armies, displays his greatness,
and righteousness sets him apart as the holy God

We must join Him! no matter the cost. Truth is the element of our armour that holds our battle gear up - our sword, our protective tunic and our breastplate!

Then lambs will graze, as if in their own pastures (..we who live by the Truth)
and the refugee will eat in the ruins of the rich (Hallelujah!).

Conclusion and: this way to pray

If-so-be, that we get just one reward for praying and interceding like these scriptures teach, let it be that “the refugee will eat in the ruins of the rich”.

That’s a good goal. Let’s go there!

So, we may need a summary of “this way to pray”, as taught be those scriptures:

- Pray with confidence that you are royalty in your Father’s family due to Jesus
- Pray to enter into your Father’s heart for your nation in Jesus’ name
- Pray to enter into Holy Spirit’s knowledge of the way(s) your lands mourn
- Stand boldly in His presence when His compassion for your lands consumes you
- That! is the Place to ask: in His presence. Don’t ‘fold’ with the burden!
- Ask for discernment between our responsibility as priests for the people & nation and:
- How the nation has despised our priesthood, so that it will be honoured
- Insist in all your confessions, speeches and decrees that the Truth will prevail
- Speak the truth in love. Seek people’s hearts, not dominance.
- Repent for ourselves and on behalf of others for “being tied to mother’s apron strings”
- That means, repentance for living by other’s standards and conduct than God’s
- Repent for ourselves and on behalf of others for neglecting family unity and honour
- Claim the return of the virtue of male leadership in our nation, as:
- Supported by wives’ true and honourable roles in families
- Claim innovation, competence and moral integrity for both male and female leaders
- Weep! for our children to return to their Father in the heavens and to Jesus.
- Bless church, civic and political leaders and leaderships while praying. Bless and do not curse or criticise. Claim heaven’s honour over the churches and governments.

- Remind God of what He has said about what you're doing! "If (since) my people who are called by my name (are) humble(ing) themselves, and pray(ing) and seek(ing) my face and turn(ing) from their wicked ways, then (now) I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land ~2 Chronicles 7:14.
- Repent for ourselves and on behalf of others for the lack of the knowledge of God in our lands, and for any ways you think this has come about. Uphold the nation!
- Claim God's people's priesthood over these lands. Speak it out! We are God's royal priesthood, His chosen generation and His holy nation ~cf. 1 Peter 2:9 and we've come to ...
- Declare the justice of God over our lands: Our God is just and the Justifier of the one who has faith in His Son: Jesus ~cf. Romans 3:26. Therefore we are liberated from the lawless rebellion of authorities who are incapable of ministering on our behalf as they stand, doing as they have always done with concealed interests. We expose them, not for ridicule but for their correction (naming your knowledge of unjust leaders, claiming their exposure and correction).
- Repent for ourselves and on behalf of others for the lack of true truth that's been taught 'over our pulpits'. Claim that simple salvation, covenantal unity with God and the disciplines leading to discipleship with Jesus are being preached and taught in place of our adversary's corruption of these.
- Decree our separation as the Bride of Christ from the jaws of death that take away the complacency of others who deny the truth. Our destiny is with our Lord who always leads us into the truth.
- Repent for ourselves and on behalf of others for arguing about our own opinions and letting divisions come in through pride in those opinions. Claim the grace of forgiveness among us and the wisdom for restoration of godly relationships.
- Quote and claim this true sense of Isaiah 5:16 "The people will be humiliated and all of humanity will be humbled. The arrogant will be brought low. With justice the Lord Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies, displays his greatness, and righteousness sets him apart as the holy God", with Whom I am in unity :in: His holiness.
- Claim & decree: The righteousness of this cause goes before me, making the way for me, for I have, and continue to, humbly believe in my unity with Him.
- All those who likewise, humbly believe in this cause will become my confidantes and companions, pioneering this way securely in our nation.
- Claim and decree: We-as-lambs will graze, as if in our own pastures, and the refugee will eat in the ruins of the rich!

Continue to claim and believe:

We-as-lambs will graze,
as if in our own pastures, and
the refugee will eat in the ruins of the rich!

God bless each one who is complicit with these eternal claims
and who is willing to practice them. For our Lord himself said:

“If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.”, ~John 7:17-18, ESV.



It may be a solitary and trying road. But please pray, and your faith will carry you.