

# PRAY

## Our Hope is in ALMIGHTY GOD!

Will you "Watch and **PRAY**" on SATURDAY, **SEPTEMBER 26, 2020** for our nation? Our nation is standing in the need of prayer. Thousands will be gathering to pray in our Nation's Capital at **NOON** on **SEPTEMBER 26, 2020** to ask God to heal our land. Thousands more will agree in prayer through social media. Will you Watch and Pray on September 26th on behalf of your family, your church, your city, your state, your country? Will you take time each day this week to pray, to talk to God and ask Him to send revival to our country? Pray for those hurting and for those who are stuck in sin and need to be rescued. Pray for unity – united we stand; divided we fall. **PRAY** in the name of JESUS CHRIST, our LORD and SAVIOR.

- Read **Revelation 21:19-21**. "The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass."

Heaven is a real place. The Lord Most High dwells in Heaven and Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, is seated with Him at His right hand. We value Gold here on earth; yet in Heaven, the streets will be paved with the purest of gold. The walls of heaven will be majestic in color and covered with the most beautiful jewels. Have you seriously thought about heaven? Are you confident that you will go to heaven when you die? God tells us that the **ONLY WAY** to heaven is through Jesus Christ. Have you placed your faith in Jesus for salvation? If so, you can rest assured that you will one day join Him where the streets are paved with gold. Will you pray for friends, family, and even foes who do not know where they will spend eternity?

- Read **Proverbs 14:12, Proverbs 16:25, and John 14:6**. "*There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.*"

We often think that we know what is best for our lives. Sometimes, we even think we know better than God just as Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden. They thought it was okay to taste the fruit from the forbidden tree listening to the serpent's deceptive words to do the exact opposite of God's instruction. What happens when we think our way is right and ignore the instructions from God found in His Word? Jesus said that He is the way. What path are you walking toward? Life or Death? Are there areas in your life where you have thought your way

was right only to find out you are being deceived by the enemy? Talk to God about it. Ask God to give you His wisdom to walk His way.

- Read **Ecclesiastes 3:1-2** . “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens; a time to be born and a time to die...”

God made a masterpiece in you when He created you. He chose the exact day for you to enter this world. He is the only One Who knows every day ordained for you and knows the day you will die. Each day you wake up and breathe is another day to become more like Jesus. Are you living each day for Jesus? Are you telling people the Good News that Jesus died for their sins and that He is alive and lives in Heaven? The Gaither song, “Because He Lives” gives me great hope but sometimes I need to say, “Because He Lives,” I can face today. Talk to God and ask Him to show you how you can live this day for Jesus.

- Read **Matthew 27:50-51**. “And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split.

The Ark of the Covenant was in the inner sanctuary of the temple called the Holy of Holies where God’s presence appeared, where the MOST HIGH dwelled. Four pillars held up the veil of the covering, the curtain. At the very moment Jesus gave up his spirit, the curtain of the temple was torn from the TOP down. Why did God mess up His own temple? Jesus had said in John 14:6 that “no one comes to the Father but through Me.” No longer was there a need for an earthly high priest because at that moment Jesus became our High Priest. Jesus paid a great price for us to be able to talk to God. How does this impact your own prayer life? Take time to praise Jesus for His sacrifice and bridging the gap.

- Read **Colossians 2:12b-14**. “God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.”

When Jesus said, “IT IS FINISHED,” on the cross, He was saying that our sin debt had been paid once and for all. The wages for sin is death. Jesus paid the debt by suffering and laboring in excruciating pain for six hours on a wooden, splintered cross. With His death, Jesus paid for every sin you have ever committed. Jesus took away our debt of sin by dying on the cross. Is there anything you have been holding onto that you need to Nail to the Cross? Reflect on the great gift that Jesus gave you by paying your sin debt. Confess your sins, your thoughts or deeds that nailed Jesus to the Cross. Take a big breath and let it out. You are free indeed because Jesus paid it all!

As Paul writes in **Colossians 4:2**, “Devote yourselves to PRAYER,” this week!