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How to Pray for the 7 Mountains of Influence in America

If you are looking for a strategic and effective way to pray for the United States, there are seven areas that need your faith and prayers. Find out how to pray for the seven mountains of influence in America!

“If My people who are called by My name will 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 (NKJV)

America is a powerful nation—one that influences other nations around the world, right down to their ability to freely receive and hear the gospel. As citizens of this great nation, and believers in Jesus Christ, we are called by God to humble ourselves and pray for righteousness in our culture. If we, as God’s people, seek His face and His right way of doing things, He promises to heal our land.

The enemy has attacked our nation and culture from every direction, making it difficult to know where to even start. A simple way of approaching it is this— there are seven distinct cultural areas, or “mountains,” that shape and influence our culture and nation. Those people at the top of each mountain are the gatekeepers of that particular influence. The more righteous people at the top of each mountain, the more righteousness will reign in our country.

According to Deuteronomy 28:13, we are to be “the head and not the tail.” We, as Christians, are to be reigning in life, which includes these seven areas—not to lord over others, but to love and serve them through righteousness. Founding Father Benjamin Rush said, “Nothing can be politically right that is morally wrong.” There is a lot morally wrong in these seven mountains of influence, and that’s why we, the Christians, are needed in this hour.

When you pray for the seven mountains of influence and godly leaders to rise up within each cultural sphere, you are attacking the enemy’s plan in that particular realm and taking back the dominion that rightfully belongs to us, as Christians. As David Barton said, we must “move that seven-mountain philosophy forward [and] take God’s principles into all aspects of life.”

To be most effective when you pray for the seven mountains of influence, you can target specific areas where change is needed the most. Below are the seven mountains of influence in America and prayer targets, so you can pray with boldness and faith.

1. Government

First Timothy 2:1-3 says that we are to pray, intercede and give thanks for kings and all people in authority. This is God's command to every believer today. This means we are to pray for *all* people in authority, whether we agree with them or not. You can pray that all leaders will make righteous and godly decisions. Praying for leaders, even when we don't think they are doing the right things, is productive toward God's plan and purpose for our nation. Proverbs 21:1 says the heart of a king is in the hand of the Lord. He can turn it however He wants, so your prayers are important.

While praying for those who are already in authority, we must also pray for more godly men and women to rise up and take their place in positions within government across our nation. "When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice" (Proverbs 29:2). Pray that those Christians God has chosen will heed the call and run for office. Pray that they will be elected even against strong opposition.

Finally, pray that the Spirit of the Lord and His wisdom will be upon all the following:

- Federal Government: Executive, legislative and judicial branches
- State Government: Executive, legislative and judicial branches
- Local Government: Executive, legislative and judicial branches, as well as police and first responders
- Military: Pray for leaders, divine protection for our troops, and courage and dependence on God.

2. Media

Whether we like it or not, the media influences our culture greatly. Seen as the main source of information, the media has the power to sway viewpoints to match its own. The devices used are often cunning and many lack integrity.

With that in mind, pray that the media will be truth bearers and contributors to unity. Pray that they will build up, rather than tear down. Then, rebuke the enemy from his work within the media, and tear down evil foundations with spiritual authority.

Learn more about how to use your spiritual authority [here](#).

Pray for godly people to rise up in the area of media and become producers, station owners, anchors and reporters. Pray that the influence of the godly will outweigh that of the wicked.

Have faith and believe God for a supernatural turnaround in our country's media outlets!

3. Arts and Entertainment

The mountain of influence encompassing arts and entertainment includes television, movies, video games, magazines, and books. Most of these means of entertainment find their way into every American home, and they have a great influence on our culture. What we consume through our eyes and ears is what we will begin to believe and even act on. Through these channels of entertainment,

messages about marriage, sex, family, and politics are sent to every watching eye and listening ear. Their aim? To change Americans' view of what is and is not acceptable in mainstream society.

Sadly, the messages most often sent via these outlets are negative and ungodly. They instill fear, hate, violence, lust and sin into the hearts of people everywhere. That is why we must pray for the pulling down of demonic entertainment and the uprising of Christ-centered television, games, books and magazines, and movies. Through prayer, we must go to war against the blatant celebration of ungodly values and sin, and those who call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).

Pray that the Bible will rise up as the standard for behavior and beliefs in our nation and come against the forces of darkness that are permeating arts and entertainment.

Finally, pray that Christians will rise up to become movie producers, magazine editors, authors, video game creators and actors. Pray that they will stand for righteousness and not be pulled down by the evil influences around them. Pray for a shift to righteousness in the entertainment world.

4. Business

Business is powerful in our culture. The free-market system is one that is given to us by God, enabling us to grow a healthy economy and build personal wealth. This mountain is important, as without finances, none of the other mountains can grow.

With that in mind, pray for kingdom minded leaders to rise to the top of big businesses as CEOs, and that they will be among those who have the greatest influence. Let the godly rise to the top of each industry and be leaders of integrity and creators of economic blessing. Let them be givers of resources to the community and speak boldly for righteousness without fear.

Pray that men and women who are called to be in the marketplace will have a revelation of their high calling and walk in it, being blessed and seeing supernatural increase.

Pray against the operation of unlawful and ungodly businesses that perpetuate sin and hurt our society, such as the drug and alcohol, abortion, pornography, and sex-trafficking industries. Pray that the strongholds keeping these centers for profit in operation will be pulled down in the mighty Name of Jesus.

5. Education

Satan is after our children. And so are those with evil, unbiblical agendas in this world. The indoctrination of children at a young age is the goal of many who live against the Word of God. More and more, we are seeing children being taught morality according to those who stand against everything the Bible represents, while God has been driven further and further from our schools. From ungodly curricula to the silencing of Christian students, education is under assault.

When you pray, ask that God will be brought back into our schools. Pray that more Christian teachers will enter the classrooms and be bold in their faith. Pray that Christian parents will stand against evil curriculums and be a voice. Pray for a shift in thinking within educational institutions and that educators will teach the full view of Creation and the truth about God. Ask that God will call believers to be principals, administrators, and school board members.

Pray that prayer and righteousness will once again reign in our classrooms.

6. Religion

There is a fight for religion—truth—in our nation. Many want to silence Christians and elevate other religions or even universalism to the top of this critical mountain. To be a city on a hill and light in the darkness, you must be in the right position, or no one will see you. To love others is not to step aside and sit quietly in a corner with your beliefs. Love rejoices in the truth (1 Corinthians 13:6) and truth speaks; truth does not stand by and watch others go down the wrong path. Truth does not huddle in a corner.

Our country needs Jesus. Proverbs 27:6 says, “Faithful are the wounds of a friend,” (*KJV*). In other words, a friend always tells the truth in love, knowing that it is the truth that makes you free (John 8:32). No—there is not more than one way to heaven. No—there are not many gods. No—it is not acceptable, true, or right to participate in another religion. There is ONE way to heaven, ONE way to the Father—JESUS CHRIST.

It is time we start contending for the right to speak the gospel in every arena as if lives depend on it—because they do.

Pray for the greatest revival this country and world has ever seen. Pray that we will return to gospel-centered messages and making disciples in the earth. Pray for a spirit of unity in the Church and for the furthering of the gospel to all nations. Pray that our rights to speak the gospel freely will be protected, and that we will not be silenced. Pray that there will be no divisions among us, and that churches will be led with a spirit of love. Pray that we will become a beacon of hope to a hurting world.

7. Family

Perhaps the area most under assault is that of the family. The devil seeks to steal, kill and destroy the family unit. Why? Because it is at the core of who we are and what God intends for us to be.

Satan knows if he goes for the jugular—our family unit—he has us right where he wants us—crumbling and falling apart. Premarital sex, cohabitation, divorce, abuse, neglect, abortion and same-sex marriage are all against the Word of God and a direct assault on the family in America.

When you pray, declare that marriage between one man and one woman will remain the foundation of the family in America. Pray for marriages to be healed and strengthened. Pray against the spirit of divorce and for divorce rates to plummet. Pray that Christian families will understand and engage in spiritual warfare for their families. Pray that Americans will stand for life and defend the unborn. Pray that fathers will take their place as leaders in the home, renounce family curses, and loose blessing for current and future generations.