

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2Chronicles 7:14*

Are believers not called **Christ**-ians? Are God's promises sure? Our land depends on believers to be healed. Not by organized marches, letter writing campaigns, and court battles, which are not to be neglected, but by humble prayer and repentance. Satan has



distracted us from the best with the good. Believers have access to the very throne room of the Creator Sovereign and yet we neglect our best weapon. Our forefathers knew the value of God's help and depended on it. When has Satan ever been afraid of men? Without God we are like the young men that tried to cast out a devil. The demon retorted, "Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are you?" and proceeded to soundly thrash them. (Acts 19:13-16) Why is evil so rampant? It only fears God. If God were with us, it would fear us. God's people assume that He is on their side without humble repentance or seeking His face in prayer. *"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."* They'd rather do physical confrontation, because their faith is weak. They don't believe that the God who created the universe in six days can deal with a few mere mortals who abuse their God-given power. Oh, God gets credit afterwards, but when has anyone organized a national prayer meeting as a primary means of defeating the encroachment of our liberties? Is God who He says He is or isn't He? Believers need to start giving God priority and precedence. If we win with our strength, God gets no honor, but if we depend entirely on Him for the outcome, He gets all the glory. We have not been helped, because we have not humbly repented of our prideful self-reliance and collectively sought God's face.

If we would fall upon our face,  
And trust in God's amazing Grace,  
If we'd repent of sinful pride,  
Our Lord would then fight at our side. ~CGP

Obviously we haven't humbled ourselves and repented. Our prayers are ineffectual, because of our prideful assumptions upon the grace of God. We cannot just assume that God will bless America because we've asked Him to. The Lord's conditions have not been met. When is the last time we banded together in prayer and fasting against the wickedness in our nation? It's truly sad that most believers pray only as a last resort.

*"Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you?...for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Matthew 17:17-21*