

RETURNING TO GOD THROUGH PERSONAL AND CORPORATE REPENTANCE

I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, “Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, **we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances**” (Daniel 9:4-5 NASB).

“Therefore **repent and return**, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

- 1 Just as Daniel consistently modeled a heart of humility before God, pray that Christians in America will humbly turn away from our personal and corporate sins, returning to the kind of love relationship with God that truly honors Him (Daniel 9:4-5).
- 2 Knowing that the commandments and ordinances found in God’s Word establish a standard for living, through which our wicked and rebellious ways are exposed, pray that the church in America will respond repentantly when we break God’s righteous standards (Daniel 9:5).
- 3 As the church in America is longing for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit of God, pray that we will first see that repenting and returning to live submissively under God’s will is a required step on our part (Acts 3:19).
- 4 Knowing that repentance from one’s personal sins and believing in the gospel of Jesus are key steps in the process of salvation, pray that multitudes in your community will humbly respond to Christ as He calls them to Himself to be saved (Mark 1:15).
- 5 Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum were cities denounced by Jesus for a failure to repent of their sins (Matthew 11:20-24). Pray that the spiritual leaders of your city will be sensitive to lead your community in repentance as God points out anything displeasing to Him.
- 6 Just as Jesus’ first disciples were sent out to preach that men and women should repent of their sins, pray that today’s church will become bold in declaring that all people should lay down their sins and turn back to God (Mark 6:12).
- 7 Knowing that idols are an abomination to God that separate people from Him, pray that everyone who has put something or someone in God’s place will repent and turn their faces away from this flagrant sin (Ezekiel 14:6-7).
- 8 As church members across America make spiritual examination and repentance a part of their routines, pray that they will be quick to “turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance” (Acts 26:20).
- 9 Take time today to thank God for the patience He demonstrates as He waits for individuals to come before Him repentantly (2 Peter 3:9).
- 10 Pray that the spiritually lost living around you will be delivered from their wicked ways by believing in Jesus and then walking in the just and righteous ways of God’s Spirit (Ezekiel 18:27).
- 11 Pray that our generation will listen to God and heed His voice, especially when He calls us to repent from our corporate sins. Pray that we will not be like those who have gone before us who ignored God and failed to turn from their evil ways and deeds (Zechariah 1:2-4).
- 12 Pray that those in today’s church who, over a period of time, have practiced “impurity, immorality and sensuality” but have not yet repented, will do so quickly (2 Corinthians 12:21).
- 13 Pray that America will not become like that generation of Hebrews during Jeremiah’s day that refused to take correction, but “made their faces harder than rock” when called by God to repent (Jeremiah 5:3).

- 14** Pray that where sin is present in the life of the church, a godly sorrow will arise that will drive church leaders and members alike to repent without regret (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).
- 15** Pray that your church family will learn how to lovingly rebuke a church member who sins, while being quick to forgive one who repents (Luke 17:3).
- 16** The Hebrew nation's failure to repent often brought from God a greater degree of remedial judgment (Jeremiah 15:7). Pray that the church in America will repent without incurring additional discipline from our loving God.
- 17** The sinful people of Jeremiah's day failed to repent of their wickedness, quickly responding to God's convicting voice by saying, "What have I done?" (Jeremiah 8:6). Pray that American churches will lay down every prideful attitude that keeps them from repenting.
- 18** Pray that those in your community who are relying on "dead works" for their eternal life will repent and place their faith in the saving work of Christ (Hebrews 6:1).
- 19** Pray that those in your church family who are not right with God will repent and turn away from every transgression of God's commands. Pray that their iniquities do not become stumbling blocks for others in your church or community (Ezekiel 18:30).
- 20** Pray for those bound by bitterness to genuinely repent, forgiving those who have hurt them and experiencing the delight of being set free from "the bondage of iniquity" (Acts 8:22-23).
- 21** Knowing there are churches around us that have left their first love, pray that they will remember from where they have fallen, repent of their corporate sins, and do the deeds they did at first (Revelation 2:4-5).
- 22** Pray for churches that have departed from God's Word and allowed false doctrine to become a part of their teaching to repent, turning back to the basic truths of the Bible (Revelation 2:14).
- 23** With some of today's church leaders doing nothing to help their members find victory over pornography and immorality, pray that they will repent and lead their congregations out of the ungodly cultural influences of these evil days (Revelation 2:20-21).
- 24** Some churches in the United States are doing very little to obey the commands of Christ, acting as if they are asleep (Revelation 3:2). Pray that these sleeping churches will repent and wake up to complete their kingdom assignments.
- 25** Knowing that God takes no pleasure in the death of those who are walking in the transgressions of the flesh, pray that everyone you know who is struggling with fleshly attitudes and actions will "repent and live" (Ezekiel 18:31-32).
- 26** On behalf of the individual believers or congregations in your community being reproved and disciplined by God, pray that they will "be zealous and repent" quickly before the God who loves them (Revelation 3:19).
- 27** Pray that believers in your church family will love each other enough to help those who stray from the truth to repent and turn back from their sins. "He who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:19-20).
- 28** Just as Israel was told by God that "in repentance and rest" they would be saved from their enemies, pray that America will heed this counsel and put her trust in Almighty God, the only One who can provide us with peace and security (Isaiah 30:15).
- 29** In Paul's sermon on Mars Hill, he declared that the times of ignorance about Christ are past and that men everywhere should repent, especially since a day of judgment is coming (Acts 17:30-31). Pray this for lost and backslidden American church members.
- 30** Knowing that the lost are being blinded and held captive by the devil to do his will, pray that God will grant them the kind of repentance that leads to the knowledge of the truth and spiritual freedom (2 Timothy 2:25-26).
- 31** Pray that heaven will be filled with joy this year as more sinners from your city repent from their sins, respond to God's personal invitation to become His children, and begin to boldly follow Him (Luke 15:7).