

- I. The call to prayer is given to God’s people
 - A. We intercede for our nation as God’s people
 - B. We intercede for our nation as those represent God

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” (2 Corinthians 5:20)

- II. The call to prayer is urgent
 - A. We pray because the needs are great
 - B. We pray because God’s plan is clear

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

- C. We pray because we have an enemy

“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12)

- D. We pray because God is all powerful

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

- III. The call to prayer is clear
 - A. We must humble ourselves before God

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.” (James 4:10)

- B. We must pray with faith
 - C. We must seek God with all our heart

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

- D. We must repent of our sin

“Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.” (Revelation 2:4-5)

- IV. The call to prayer gives assurance of answer
 - A. God will hear us when we pray

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us –whatever we ask- we know that we have what we asked of him.” (1 John 5:14-15)

B. God will forgive our sin

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins.” (1 John 1:1-9)

C. God will bring healing to our nation

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12)