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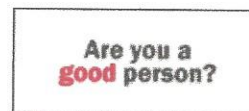
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Dear President Bush,

With humility and love, I must inform you that God answered my prayer on September 11, 2001. Just before the terrorist attacks, I cried out to God like the Psalmists did (e.g. Psalms 73-79) asking Him to cause our nation to fear Him again, and to repent that it might ultimately be blessed by His Son. He answered dramatically. We need to repent.

To the best of my recollection, this is the paraphrased gist of the prayer I poured out to God. It went along these

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lines: Lord God, we've taken You and Your warnings lightly, have gone on murdering babies by abortion, and we think - "if there were a God like the One in the Bible - and He hated abortion, He'd have shown His anger by now!" Lord, You're so longsuffering. I'm grateful; I want You to save our nation. But they've forgotten and rejected You, and yet cry "God bless America!" They say, "Christians say that God is angry with our nation for abortion, homosexuality, and compromise with idols. That He'll punish it! Where's the judgment?!" Lord, look- they murder babies, day after day, month after month, decade after decade! It seems You don't care. We don't think we need You Lord. We trust our military might and our economic accomplishments. O Lord, let us trust, fear and glorify You! Show them Your anger! Do something TODAY! Even now! Lord, how long have I and Christians prayed? Lord, please, in one sense I do not want to pray this, but as Your word also shows, Your Name is being trampled and people go on aborting, because they see nothing. They interpret Your longsuffering as though You don't care. Lord, we murder thousands everyday! Perhaps its time, day after day of murdering thousands of little humans and thinking nothing of it, for You to just one day, yes Lord, even THIS day, make it appear before them THIS day, how ghastly it is to You by taking the lives of thousands of ADULT Americans. We need again to FEAR You! Cause us to Lord! That we might turn back to You. Perhaps we should have our Pentagon attacked today, showing us NOT to trust in our military might, but in You. Perhaps we should have the Twin Towers attacked today, showing us NOT to trust in our own economic might, but in You! Lord, for Your glory, not because I want to see anyone die, but because our nation won't listen, thumbing its nose at You, do something even NOW, in the next HOURS, if You think it is right and just and the right time to do it, in order that it might know that the God of the Bible is God, that He reigns over all nations through His Son Jesus, that they may know those who break covenant with You will suffer- unless they repent, that they might know You as the wonderful God and Savior You are! That Psalm 2 is true of You and Your Messiah Jesus! Lord, I've prayed so long for repentance so that we would not need Your judgments,

at the price of dearest peace, lay your convictions bare before friend and enemy, with all the fire of your faith."

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if it be righteous in Your judgment, by causing it to see only a little of Your wrath today, that people might repent and be saved from Your eternal wrath! And then -if You do, I will tell the President and the media that we do see the God of the Bible's wrath, that You are the one true and living God, that Your Word is true, that we MUST as a nation repent of our abortion, sodomy, pluralistic idolatry and other sins, lest we suffer more of Your judgment! Yet that they need not run from You, for You delight in saving, for You sent Your Son Jesus into the world! Lord, I don't want anyone to suffer, but Your word teaches that sometimes we need to call down Your wrath, that men might fear You, for Your glory is most important. Hear me Lord, and do it in order to ultimately bless America, Amen.

I prayed this earnestly on my knees in Ashville AL. I did not know how God would answer, but history shows how He did. Minutes later my wife reported that a plane had flown into the Twin Towers. How awful and peculiar I thought. Minutes later another plane had. I said: then we're being attacked! We heard about the Pentagon, Pennsylvania and your being rushed off. We were shocked! On my knees, I led my family in prayer to stop the attacks. Due to being engrossed by the shock of it all, and then our moving from place to place, and our busyness, I never recalled my prayer until years later. When I did, my insides melted. God answered in a way words cannot describe. I shudder yet to think of it. He showed that He, the God of the Bible, rules the universe, is real and we have to please Him. I was tempted not to share this, but I made a vow which must be paid (Ps. 76:11). I'm not lying. I always strive to have a conscience without offense. Those who know me know I'd never lie about something like this. To increase your confidence, I swear- calling God as my Judge: I recall praying a prayer like that given above on 9-11-01, just before the attacks, am absolutely sure I mentioned the Pentagon to God and I seem to recall specifying the Towers as well. Yet, its by no means my prayer that's the final authority to persuade you the God of the Bible is real, is angry with us, and of our need for His grace, but His own Word in the Bible. You may confirm His reality, righteousness and offered mercy by the Test

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"...It is only in this way that

for all claims: His Word (Isa. 8:20; Acts 17:11; I Thess. 5:19-21 et al). (BTW, it's also not only my specific prayer God answered, but the same general requests prayed by all Christians in the Lord's Prayer-see Q&A 123, Heidelberg Catechism). I sincerely repent for sinfully forgetting and neglecting to bring this to you before. God severely chastened me for it (giving me my own 9-11 of sorts) but even by such chastening made me recall my vow so I might fulfill it. I hope my repentance will be followed by my country's.

God sends judgments to call nations like ours back to Him (Amos 4:6-12). He shows them His goodness to lead them to repentance (Rom. 2:4). In Luke 13, Jesus teaches us the proper response when others die in calamities- we should not think the victims were necessarily worse sinners, no, but should rather take the event as a call that "unless you repent you will all likewise perish". We need to repent of our sins and look to Jesus to save us, as He alone by His blood can atone for our many sins. As a mere man, I do not purport to know the future, nor am I by any means threatening anyone, but God Himself administers judgment and He warns of more of His wrath in the future for those refusing to repent: "LORD...You have stricken them, but they have ...refused to receive correction.... 'Shall I not punish them for these things, says the LORD...?'" (Jer. 5:3, 9, 29-31). God, to whom all fear is due, struck us on 9-11 (cf. Amos 3:6; Jer. 9:23-10:10); let us fear Him, believe on His Son and repent!

Repentance should begin with Christians and leaders. When you ran for President, you professed faith in Christ. Yet, you've contradicted your profession. God commands you to repent publicly for your public sins (Acts 17:30-31; 16:35-40). You've broken the 1st commandment, saying believers and unbelievers alike (e.g. Muslims) worship the same God and will all be saved - contradicting Isaiah 45:22 and John 14:6. Nor will the Creator be called on as you did at the National Cathedral after 9-11! Remember Elijah on Mt. Carmel? You should have led us in a national repentance like that of Nehemiah 9, calling us -as past Presidents have (e.g. Lincoln's March 30, 1863 Proclamation)- to our knees, to fast and pray before the

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God our founders made covenant with. You break the 6th commandment, not enforcing God's law against murder but allowing us to brutally butcher now 45 million innocent, beautiful American children, and neglecting to rescue Terri Schiavo (Prov. 24:11-12), though equipped by God and the Constitution to stop the bloodbath. You have allowed those that God's word (Ex. 21:21-24; Jer. 1:5; Matt. 1:23) and world (science) declares to be persons to be deprived of life without due process (vs. the 5th Amendment). You have not vetoed but signed bills funding Planned Parenthood and fetal tissue research. God says: "Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood." (Isa. 1:15). As President, you have the authority and responsibility to execute the laws and thus to insure that the God-given, inalienable right to life for all American persons be held inviolate. A court case is no law. President Jackson said that judicial "precedent is a dangerous source of authority, and should not be regarded as deciding questions of constitutional power." As Jackson put it, the chief executive is bound by his oath to decide matters of constitutional right and power according to the executive's interpretation of the constitution, not the judiciary's. So, given the Constitutional guarantee that all persons shall have their right to life protected, you are duty bound to stop any action that would result in the deprivation of anyone's Constitutional right to life. By tolerating homosexual civil unions you show contempt for God's 7th commandment; God directs civil rulers to enforce His prohibitions against sodomy (Rom. 1; I Tim. 1:8-11) but we're inviting God's fires, as Sodom did. Let us thoroughly repent, turning not only from these but all sins. I say this all out of humility and love, yet also out of fear of God.

After preparing yourself to seek Him wholeheartedly, be a bold witness in leading in repentance. If invited, I am willing to help by speaking with you further about God's word to us. Our nation needs to turn from its sins with heartfelt sorrow and embrace God's mercy freely offered us in Jesus. We now celebrate His birth, which attests to God's love for sinners like us as well as of the certainty of His word (see Isa. 9:6-7). I pray God will honor you, as you

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as His minister (Rom. 13:1-6) and as a professed Christian, help lead our country back to God, both by calling it to repent (see II Chron. 19:4; 35:19-33 et al) and by enforcing God's good law - to acknowledge Him, and to uphold His sovereign laws, e.g., against abortion and sodomy, etc. No more let us banish His Ten Commandments from government schools or buildings and punish those who honor them, no, let us all say: "all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right" (Ps. 119:128).

Jesus taught that events like 9-11 are to call us to "repent". Have we repented? God takes the lives of thousands, but over the last 5 years we have only increased in offending Him and persecuted public leaders who acknowledge Him (as our shores were settled to allow us the liberty to do -as both rulers and ruled!). We have only further angered Him. If He struck our towers and Pentagon, and that did not turn us back to Him, what greater punishments are we inviting from Him (Rom. 2:4-5)? God's patience, though great, runs out (Amos 1-2). He sends judgments to call nations back to Him, but if they refuse, He can send greater judgments (cf. Amos 5:2-3; Lev. 26), so let's humble ourselves so we might be blessed! America has never had a greater need to seek the God who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God delights to show mercy and promises: "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." (Prov. 28:13) The One who made America great by its faith in and obedience to His once crucified, forever glorified Son Jesus can restore us to greatness if we truly seek His face, showing we mean it by our actions.

I urge you: fear no men, fear God. Jesus said: "I will show you whom you should fear: fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!" (Luke 12:5). The LORD's Spirit gives the choice to see God bless or curse America: "...be wise, O kings; be instructed you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be

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we can hope to arrive at

angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him." (Psalm 2:10-12).

God reveals His wrath against sin from heaven (Rom. 1), but the good news is that He extinguished His eternal wrath against every sinner who believes on His Son Jesus, having poured it out on Him at the cross (Isa. 53; Rm. 3:19-26; 5:8-9), so great is His love for sinners like us. God could have justly send everyone of us to hell for our sins (Rm. 2), yet His Son endured it for all who trust in Him that they might receive the free gift of eternal life (Rm. 6:23). If we repent and believe and return to our Christian heritage as a nation, we will really sing from the heart how Jesus "makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love."

In love for America,

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truth, and fulfill the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country. Should I keep back my opinions at such a time, through fear of giving offense, I should consider myself as guilty of treason towards my country, and of an act of disloyalty toward the Majesty of Heaven, which I revere above all earthly kings." (Patrick Henry - Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death)



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Profile



Angela Wittman

I am married to Jeff Wittman, mother to Matt and Chris, grandmother to Josh and Abby. The LORD began my new birth in Christ in the fall of 1993. He soon had me involved with local Christian activists as a member of the Illinois Christian Coalition (1994) and then as a county chapter leader in 1995 (the same year I was elected to the Waterloo School Board). I joined the Constitution



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SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY NEEDS TO GO

By Larry Pratt

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NewsWithViews.com

Most people in the 21st century look back on earlier times and wonder how folks could ever have believed in the divine right of kings (other than the king himself).

Well, we better wipe that condescending smile off our faces, because we are no better today right here in the good old U.S. of A.

The divine right of kings carried with it the notion that whatever the king did was OK, because the king was the law. Another way of saying the same thing is the king was considered to be above the law.

Today we have renamed this very mistaken view as the doctrine of sovereign immunity. The sovereign is immune from suffering any consequences of his acts. Sometimes the sovereign (government) graciously allows himself to be sued in specific, limited cases. But for the most part, there is no accountability for government officials who lie, cheat and steal and even on occasion, for those who commit murder. Remember Ruby Ridge, where an FBI sniper shot in cold blood a woman holding a baby? ...

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Party of Illinois and served as an officer from May 2001 until my resignation in January 2005 due to their pro-life compromise. I am now the editor of Christian Liberty Party.com. I pray to spend the rest of my life pressing the Crown Rights of Jesus Christ, who is King of all the nations.

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