It’s Time for Intercession in Uncertain Times

It was uncertain times, and the men of Virginia met to discuss the serious problems between the Colonies and Great Britain. The notables included Patrick Henry, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson, who met in Williamsburg and listened to the fiery impassioned speeches of Patrick Henry. The War of Independence had, in essence, already begun in other colonies, and Virginia wrestled with the decision to enter the war for independence. Before they met to officially vote, time was set aside for fasting and prayer, and they attended church at Bruton Parish church in Williamsburg.

Those were decisions that would have serious consequences and would affect them personally. Men would invest money, time, energy, and, for many, their own blood. When they made their decision, there was no retreat; for a line had been crossed in the sands of time. They recognized their need for the help of God in the endeavor. They would turn to God for mercy and divine direction through fasting and prayer before casting their votes. The armed forces of Great Britain were no match for a group of patriots who sought the favor of God in prayer.

Reading history and looking back at their decisions, we are grateful for those statesmen who were instrumental in forging a great nation that we are still enjoying the benefits of living in—a nation unlike any other in world history. We have survived nearly two hundred and fifty years by the grace and mercy of God because our nation has a history of religious freedom and reverence for God.

Again, we are living in uncertain times such as never before, and need the mercy and help of God. We have taken God out of our schools, atheists are trying to remove God from many places, and respect for God has reached a critical low in our society. Abortions are rampant, and the blood of the innocent cries from the ground. The institution of marriage is being distorted, our economy is in desperate straits, violence in society is widespread, and the looming threats of war in numerous places fill the daily news. The coming of the Lord is drawing nigh, and multitudes are perishing without hope of eternal life. Earthquakes in many places and with greater frequency remind us that these are the last days. The Church is still the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Where sin abounds, the grace of God much more abounds. The Church and the gospel are the solution to the ills of this sin-sick world. Jesus Christ is still the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Our nation needs a revival of righteousness by humbling ourselves, repenting of our iniquities, and asking God to heal our land. God told the prophet to go through the city and mark those on their foreheads who did sigh and cry for the sins of the people. Intercessors can alter history. We can intercede for our nation, and God will hear our cries.

This is where the role of the intercessors will make a difference. Just as the patriots took up arms to fight for independence in the days of our nation’s founding fathers, we need intercessors to stand in the gap and plead for God to help us. We need divine intervention to change the course of this nation because many have forsaken God. We understand that, as good citizens, we must do what we can by voting properly, but we also need to earnestly pray for God to spare our nation. We need the soldiers of the cross to fight this war and conflict on their knees in travailing prayer. We need modern-day Jeremiahs who will lament and repent for a nation that has turned away from God. There is still time and hope if we stand in the gap and plead for mercy. There is no Goliath that is a match for people who know their God and reach out to Him in focused intercession.

God has used the vast resources of this nation for the cause of world evangelism by sending missionaries to many nations with the only saving message of truth. Let us pray that God will grant us more time to thrust in the sickle and reap an eternal harvest, and still grant us religious freedom and liberty to spread the gospel. Intercessors can help change the world. There is a vast army of intercessors in the United Pentecostal Church, and we must not fail to pray in this crucial hour.

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