



Cynthia SCOTT

Author, Speaker

Cynthia Scott, a member of America's National Prayer Committee, has led prayer initiatives across Pittsburgh and beyond, including citywide gatherings, prayer for national events, and a daily prayer call for the nation. Passionate about honoring God and praying for revival in America, she has written numerous prayer guides and now offers [Celebrating GOD, Our FOUNDER, at America's 250th Birthday](#). This work reflects her conviction that God's providence shaped the United States and calls believers to honor Him as our true Founder and help to shape our future through prayer. Cynthia resides near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CREDENTIALS

- Member: America's National Prayer Committee
- Has coordinated prayer in advance of ministry initiatives across the U.S.
- Led local Executive Team for Festival of Hope with Franklin Graham in Pittsburgh
- Led city-wide ministry initiatives in Pittsburgh
- B. A. English and History, Chatham College

AVAILABILITY

- 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Flexible on weekends.
- Available via phone (no landline), Zoom or for in studio/travel.
- Eastern time (Pittsburgh, PA)

TRAVEL

- [AmFest](#) / Phoenix, AZ / Dec. 18-21
- [National Religious Broadcasters](#) (NRB) / Nashville, TN / Feb. 17-20, 2026

DOWNLOADS

- [Cynthia Scott headshot](#)
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ABOUT THE BOOK



[Celebrating GOD Our FOUNDER at America's 250th Birthday](#)

exclaims to all the world that the foundational truth undergirding America's establishment was God's idea. He was at the center of every principle and guideline, working through colonists, patriots and ordinary people to establish this one-of-a-kind nation. On their knees before the Almighty, our forefathers waited for God's direction in their fight for freedom from oppressive rule by consistent and passionate prayer. In twelve concise chapters, Cynthia Scott combines pivotal and miraculous moments in history with powerful prayers, making this book a celebration of what God has done, and a very present help for today's path in securing America's future. (Redemption Press)

"In our 250th year as a nation, Cynthia Scott has written a compelling and insightful book, a must-read for any thinking person wishing to delve deeper into the founding, genius and perseverance of our nation. It is eminently practical. It would form the core of a brilliant multi-part Bible study or sermon series. It provides useful tools for praying for our nation. And it is prescriptive—at this inflection point in our nation, when so much is chaos and division, it answers the question, 'What can turn us around and renew our society as a whole?' It is PRAYER, PRAYER and more PRAYER. And in this moment, I invite you to re-learn why PRAYER is essential by reading this book."

—Reverend Dr. Stuart D. Broberg

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SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- As America approaches its 250th birthday, why is it important to revisit the nation's spiritual foundations?
- You say God was "America's Founder." What do you mean by that — and how do you support that claim historically?
- What role did prayer actually play in the American Revolution, and what can today's leaders learn from that posture?
- You blend history and prayer throughout this book — why was it important to keep both together?
- How do you respond to people who say faith and government should remain completely separate?
- What do we risk losing if we forget the divine influence in our founding?
- How do you see God's hand still at work in America today, even amid cultural division and uncertainty?
- Many Americans feel disillusioned or divided — how can revisiting our faith roots bring national unity?
- The book arrives as "Christian nationalism" is debated in media. How does your message differ from that narrative?
- You write that our forefathers were "on their knees before the Almighty." What was the worldview of the early colonists?
- How can prayer become a practical tool for civic renewal?
- What would the founders say if they could see America today?
- How can faith-based Americans engage in culture and politics without fueling further division?
- We've seen record levels of anxiety in younger generations. How can returning to God as our Founder give hope to Gen Z and millennials?
- Why do you think this message resonates right now, in a season of confusion about history, identity, and national purpose?
- Many schools are reexamining how American history is taught. What's missing from those conversations?
- How can pastors, educators, and parents use this book as a bridge between faith and civic responsibility?
- The 250th anniversary of America's founding will be celebrated in 2026 — what do you hope that milestone looks like spiritually?
- What divine moments from America's founding most inspire you?
- If the founders prayed through their challenges, what would modern prayer for America sound like today?
- You emphasize both celebration and intercession — what does that combination reveal about how believers should engage culture?
- How does gratitude for what God has done in the past help us face what's ahead as a nation?
- Some say America's best days are behind us. What do you say to that?
- In your view, what would it look like for America to "rededicate" itself to God at 250 years old?

WHY THE BOOK IS UNIQUE

- **Timely for America250:** The book is the perfect way to personally begin celebrating America 250. It engages the reader with our true history and also with God Himself through prayer, giving the reader the opportunity to impact our future. God is not only our Founder, but our hope as we look forward. America will have many wonderful celebrations to mark this birthday, but they will be incomplete without a true encounter with God. This book offers that opportunity.
- **Faith meets history:** It merges historical narrative with devotional reflection, showing how God's providence shaped key turning points in America's story.
- **A book of both remembrance and renewal:** It honors what God has done in the past while calling readers to pray and participate in securing the nation's future.
- **Built around prayer:** It pairs pivotal moments in American history with guided prayers — connecting past faith with present hope.
- **Accessible and concise:** It contains twelve short, compelling chapters designed for readers who want meaningful spiritual insight without academic density.
- **Encourages national unity through faith:** It offers a redemptive alternative to divisive rhetoric by inviting Americans to unite around shared spiritual foundations.
- **Engages the headlines:** The book speaks directly to today's debates about the separation of church and state, national identity and the role of faith in public life.
- **Invites participation, not polarization:** It inspires readers to pray for leaders, communities and generations to come — rather than pick sides.
- **Rooted in gratitude, not guilt:** It celebrates what God has done rather than rewriting or erasing the nation's founding story.
- **Empowers ordinary believers:** It shows that America's transformation didn't begin with politicians, but with everyday people who prayed, believed, and acted.
- **Bridges generations:** This book offers a hopeful message for parents, pastors, teachers, and students.
- **Visually and spiritually engaging:** It's ideal for churches, Bible studies, civic groups, and homeschool families as both a devotional and historical resource.

WHO IS THE AUDIENCE?

- **Americans** who will commemorate our history at America's 250th birthday
- **Christians** who want to remember God's mighty acts, which stirred the colonists to unite and fight for independence
- Anyone who values our constitution and the principles upon which it is based
- **Patriots** who believe God still has a purpose for America
- **Generational leaders** — parents, teachers, and mentors — eager to secure faith and freedom for future generations
- **Church and civic groups** looking for meaningful ways to observe America250 with prayer, reflection, and hope
- **Bible study groups** exploring how prayer shaped our history and can reshape our culture today
- **Christian educators and homeschool families** seeking a faith-centered resource that reconnects history and spiritual truth

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The shot heard round the world—that is, the first shot fired in our War of Independence—was fired on April 19, 1775, in Lexington, Massachusetts. The night before, Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride to Concord, stopping in Lexington at the house where Samuel Adams and John Hancock were staying to warn them, as he had done all along the way, that the British were coming. The British were on a mission to march to Lexington and then on to Concord to confiscate the colonists' stores of weapons and gunpowder. Their plan was discovered, and Paul Revere and William Dawes were quickly dispatched via two separate routes to warn the patriots.

Tensions were high between the British and the colonists. The taxes and restrictions, combined with increased British troops leading up to the signing of The Declaration of Independence, created intense and growing frustration among the colonists. They were headed for conflict, and in Lexington, on that fateful April day, the military battle was engaged. Rev. Jonas Clark, pastor of Christ Church in Lexington, Massachusetts, was both faithful in preaching the Scriptures and committed to teaching his people the principles of liberty derived therefrom. When the British arrived in Lexington, they were

met by scores of armed men, encouraged by Jonas Clark. God prepared the hearts and minds of these colonists for the first battle of the Revolution through their godly and patriotic pastor. The congregation was ready to fight for the biblical principles of freedom so aptly instilled in them by Reverend Clark.

The same day that the British arrived in Lexington, August 19, the people of the colony of Connecticut were praying for the nation. Jonathan Trumbull, the Governor of Connecticut, had one month earlier set aside April 19, 1775, as a “Day of Public Fasting and Prayer ... that God would graciously pour out his Holy Spirit on us, to bring us to a thorough repentance and effectual reformation; ... That he would restore, preserve, and secure the liberties of this, and all the other American Colonies, and make this land a mountain of Holiness and habitation of Righteousness forever, (and) That God would preserve and confirm the Union of the Colonies in the pursuit and practice of that Religion and virtue which will honour Him.”

Those in Lexington did not know that God Himself had set His people in Connecticut to pray and fast for the cause of liberty—for them. Nor did those in Connecticut know what would happen in Lexington, Massachusetts, as they prayed. God's people were praying on the very day the first shot of the Revolution was fired. God Himself led the fight. While those in Connecticut were called on that day to fight on their knees, their fellow patriots in Lexington engaged the battle with arms.

Days of prayer and fasting were not uncommon in the colonies and were based on the Scriptures. Biblical leaders, such as Ezra, Jehoshaphat, and Esther called for national prayer and fasting. These days were especially important during the War of Independence, the beginning of the nation, and other critical junctures in our history. The Americans were seeking independence from Britain, but not from God. Their leaders made it a point to seek God in these public days of fasting and prayer and to give Him thanks for His assistance and blessings. The Continental Congress called for eight days of national prayer and fasting interspersed with seven days of thanksgiving during the Revolution. The individual colonies called for many more.

Why did the colonies call for these days? From the time of the Pilgrims, they had seen the hand of God, or Divine Providence, on America. Divine Providence was a term used widely by pastors and people alike in our early history and throughout the founding and establishment of our nation. “Providence indicates (1) an active God, (2) Who is watching over His beloved with foresight, care and protection.” Many modern historians have tried to say that our Founding Fathers were deists who did not believe in the God of the Bible. They have taken the word “Providence” out of its historical context. Even the Geneva Bible, used by the colonists, contained “Providence” over a hundred times, and they were familiar with this term being used as a synonym for God or His care and protection.

The Providence of God was clearly seen a few months later, on June 15, 1775, when the Second Continental Congress unanimously voted for George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. God raised up George Washington as a distinguished military leader in the French and Indian War. Moreover, He protected him in miraculous ways for the purposes He had for him in leading a fledgling nation.

Washington had a praying mother. Mary Ball Washington was a Christian. She raised Washington alone after his father died, instilling her Christian faith and virtues in the young man. Before he went to the French and Indian War, she prayed for him, and as he left, she said to him: “Remember that God only is our sure trust. To Him I commend you.” Then she added, “My son, neglect not the duty of secret prayer.”

We cannot overestimate the importance of prayer. The prayers of Mary Washington for her son George blessed Americans for generations, including us. As America had just come through the First Great Awakening, and so many of our Founders were Christians, we can reasonably deduce that much prayer took place during our founding, both in churches and in homes. God commands His people to pray, and He shapes individuals and history as we do. It is important to note that praying for one person can impact an entire nation; likewise, praying for a nation can have an impact on the individual. There is no limit to what God will do as we pray.

