




God Bless My Neighborhood

For many years, Wayne and I have prayed diligently for our neighborhood because we had a divine encounter with a powerful principle of truth – prayer works – even in neighborhoods. One year on our side of town there was a drive-by shooting. In the same time span, there was a family argument and shooting at a fast food restaurant. Shortly after that, we had gangs living on our street and multiple robberies. We were robbed twice. I said to the Lord, “Somebody needs to do something.” Clearly, our neighborhood was under duress. This is when I had the divine revelation I previously mentioned. I was the one who could do something, and the key was prayer.

Wayne and I began to pray about the gangs on our street. You would see them gathered from early morning until late at night. What a powerful weapon prayer is! Within a few weeks, they were gone! We were encouraged and truthfully, the revelation of the power of “effectual, fervent prayer” was growing in our heart. We continued to pray and to say, “We have a strong police presence in our neighborhood.” The police began patrolling our area regularly, and no one had to

sign a petition or stand in a picket line – we prayed! (We believe in these endeavors if  conducted peacefully.)

Boldly, we expanded our petitions to ask God to prosper our area. We marked out in our mind a particular “square” east and west from a recreational park to a lake and north and south from one major roadway to another. We claimed God’s blessings for all the people living there. God is amazing! A house whose exterior walls had crumbled, the electrical wiring and plumbing exposed, was repaired. Two other houses were remodeled and repainted. None of these things happened suddenly, but we just kept believing and thanking God that our neighbors would have the desire and the funds to refurbish their house. Prayer worked and is still working today.

In our “prayer square” there are seven, sometimes eight churches. Our hearts’ desire is that the wind of the Spirit blow mightily in each one that embraces salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Over the years, we have seen “good things”. One of our neighborhood churches was highlighted in a newspaper article. When I read it, my heart was thrilled. The wind of God’s Spirit was obviously moving among the youth. A new minister with a vision for youth had been the catalyst of God’s flame. I am so glad, so very

glad, we joined those who prayed.

Wayne and I also pray about the business endeavors in our neighborhood. We believe that businesses should prosper here. We ask, however, that ungodly and illegal endeavors cease to exist. We refuse to support businesses that damage lives and families, but we pray that all the employees of these businesses find profitable jobs. Certainly, we cannot curse people. God loves ALL the world. He is FOR people. He rescues! He delivers! He sets free! Our desire for people is truth and righteousness. Yet sometimes, righteousness is found in prisons. Our prayer is always for justice tempered with the amount of mercy that God deems appropriate.

After hearing about our prayer for our local area, one lady asked me, "Who is praying for my neighborhood?"

Jokingly (or maybe I was serious) I said, "I don't know. Maybe nobody." How sad it is to watch our neighbors "come and go" without lifting our voices to heaven in prayer.

Prayer is an amazing arm of power. God says in James 5:16, "Tremendous power is made available through a good man's earnest prayer."¹ Can we empower our neighborhood? Can we assist, improve, and revive? Yes! Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall

find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:"² He further states, "If you then, for all your evil, quite naturally give good things to your children, how much more likely is it that your Heavenly Father will give good things to those who ask him?" Let's ask God to bless our neighborhoods with good things. Let's believe in our "prayer-answering Father". I know we will receive.

¹ JBPhillips translation

² Matthew 7:7

³ Matthew 7:11 JBPhillips translation

Happy 4th of July!



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Prayer For Your Nation

THE PATH OF REVIVAL



Seek God's Presence

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence (Isaiah 64:1)

Pray And Repent

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear

from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Honor God's Name

So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. (Isaiah 59:19)

Ask For The Rain Of The Spirit

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. (Zechariah 10:1)

Expect God's Goodness

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. (Psalm 27:13)