

**To print a copy of A Prayer  
for the Nation pamphlet:**

- 1. Print pages 2 and 3 back-to-back.**
- 2. Fold the panel with S to U over the middle panel.**
- 3. Then fold the panel with A to C over the panel you just folded to the middle.**
- 4. Print pages 4 and 5 back to back.**
- 5. This will yield one insert with two columns (including G to R). Cut close to the right and left lines, but do not cut between the two columns.**
- 6. Fold the insert in half so that the panel with P to R is on top, J to O are inside, and G to I are on the bottom.**
- 7. Add the insert into the three-fold pamphlet (on top of the panel with D to F).**



**[www.roots-by-the-river.com](http://www.roots-by-the-river.com)**

## V

Please forgive us for our **vices**.  
*"They proceed from evil to evil,  
 and they know not me, saith the LORD."  
 Jeremiah 9:3b*

Please restore us to **virtue**.  
*"Righteousness exalteth a nation:  
 but sin is a reproach to any people."  
 Proverbs 14:34*

## W

Please forgive us for our **wicked thoughts**.  
*"And GOD saw that the wickedness of  
 man was great in the earth, and that every  
 imagination of the thoughts of his heart  
 was only evil continually." Genesis 6:5*

Please restore us to **Your Word**.  
*"The entrance of thy words giveth light;  
 it giveth understanding unto the simple."  
 Psalm 119:130*

## X

Please forgive us for our **extortion**.  
*"Thou hast taken usury and increase, and  
 thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours  
 by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith  
 the Lord GOD." Ezekiel 22:12b*

Please restore us to **excellence**.  
*"And this I pray . . . that ye may approve things  
 that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and  
 without offence till the day of Christ."  
 from Philippians 1:9-10*

## Y

Please forgive us for **yielding to sin**.  
*"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield  
 yourselves servants to obey, his servants  
 ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto  
 death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"  
 Romans 6:16*

Please restore us to **Yourself**.  
*"Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall  
 be turned; renew our days as of old."  
 Lamentations 5:21*

## Z

Please forgive us for our  
**zeal for wrong causes**.  
*"I have not sent these prophets,  
 yet they ran." Jeremiah 23:21a*

Please restore us to **Zion's  
 Cornerstone: Jesus Christ**.  
*"Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation  
 a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone,  
 a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not  
 make haste." Isaiah 28:16b*

**In Jesus' name, amen.**

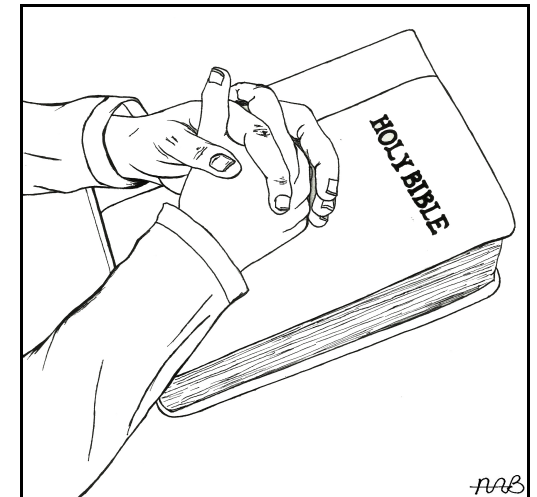


To print additional  
 copies of this pamphlet  
 to share with friends,  
 visit:

[roots-by-the-river.com/](http://roots-by-the-river.com/)  
[a-prayer-for-the-nation](http://a-prayer-for-the-nation)

**roots-by-the-river.com**

# A Prayer for the Nation



**"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." II Chronicles 7:14**

† † † † † † †

**A confession and prayer  
 for restoration, inspired by  
 the abecedarian Hebrew prayers  
 "Ashamnu" and "Al Chet"**

**written by Emmeline E. Beal**

A

Please forgive us for our **arrogance**.

*"The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee,  
thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock,  
whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart,  
Who shall bring me down to the ground?"*

*Obadiah 1:3*

Please restore us to **attentiveness to You**.

*"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word  
of the LORD." Jeremiah 22:29*

B

Please forgive us for our **blasphemy**.

*"My name continually every day is  
blasphemed." Isaiah 52:5b*

Please restore us to **blessing**.

*"And all these blessings shall come on thee,  
and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken  
unto the voice of the LORD thy God."*

*Deuteronomy 28:2*

C

Please forgive us for our **cruelty**.

*"Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship  
with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?  
They gather themselves together against the  
soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent  
blood." from Psalm 94:20-21*

Please restore us to **charity**.

*"[Charity] doth not behave itself unseemly,  
seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked,  
thinketh no evil." I Corinthians 13:5*

D

Please forgive us for our **deceit**.

*"Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit;  
through deceit they refuse to know me,  
saith the LORD." Jeremiah 9:6*

Please restore us to **discernment**.

*"Give therefore thy servant an understanding  
heart to judge thy people, that I may discern  
between good and bad." I Kings 3:9a*

E

Please forgive us for our **estrangement**.

*"They are all estranged from me  
through their idols." Ezekiel 14:5b*

Please restore us to **esteem for life**.

*"So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God created he him;  
male and female created he them."*

*Genesis 1:27*

F

Please forgive us for **forgetting You**.

*"Then beware lest thou forget the LORD,  
which brought thee forth out of the land of  
Egypt, from the house of bondage."*

*Deuteronomy 6:12*

Please restore us to **faithful marriages**.

*"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his  
mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they  
shall be one flesh." Genesis 2:24*

S

Please forgive us for our **selfishness**.

*"They all look to their own way, every one  
for his gain, from his quarter."  
Isaiah 56:11b*

Please restore us to **sincerity**.

*"Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him  
in sincerity and in truth: and put away the  
gods which your fathers served."*

*Joshua 24:14a*

T

Please forgive us for our **trust in riches**.

*"For because thou hast trusted in thy  
works and in thy treasures, thou shalt  
also be taken." Jeremiah 48:7a*

Please restore us to **truth**.

*"Buy the truth, and sell it not;  
also wisdom, and instruction, and  
understanding." Proverbs 23:23*

U

Please forgive us for our **uncleanness**.

*"The land is defiled: therefore I do  
visit the iniquity thereof upon it."  
from Leviticus 18:25*

Please restore us to **unity in our  
families, communities, and nation**.

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
for brethren to dwell together in unity!"  
Psalm 133:1*

## J

Please forgive us for **jeering at Your ways**.

*"But ye have set at nought all my counsel,  
and would none of my reproof."*

*Proverbs 1:25*

Please restore us to true **justice**.

*"That which is altogether just shalt thou follow,  
that thou mayest live, and inherit the land  
which the LORD thy God giveth thee."*

*Deuteronomy 16:20*

## K

Please forgive us for our **knowledge of evil**.

*"They are sottish children, and they have none  
understanding: they are wise to do evil, but  
to do good they have no knowledge."*

*Jeremiah 4:22b*

Please restore us to **our King**.

*"O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself;  
but in me is thine help. I will be thy king:  
where is any other that may save thee  
in all thy cities?" Hosea 13:9-10a*

## L

Please forgive us for our **lethargy**.

*"By much slothfulness the building decayeth;  
and through idleness of the hands the house  
droppeth through." Ecclesiastes 10:18*

Please restore us to being a **light**.

*"Ye are the light of the world.  
A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."  
Matthew 5:14*

## M

Please forgive us for our **murmuring**.

*"When the people complained, it displeased  
the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his  
anger was kindled." from Numbers 11:1*

Please restore us to **meekness**.

*"Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth,  
which have wrought his judgment;  
seek righteousness, seek meekness:  
it may be ye shall be hid in the day of  
the LORD's anger." Zephaniah 2:3*

## N

Please forgive us for our **neglect of duty**.

*"Fear God, and keep his commandments:  
for this is the whole duty of man."  
Ecclesiastes 12:13b*

Please restore us to **new life**.

*"A new heart also will I give you, and  
a new spirit will I put within you: and I will  
take away the stony heart out of your flesh,  
and I will give you an heart of flesh."  
Ezekiel 36:26*

## O

Please forgive us for our **obstinacy**.

*"They ceased not from their own doings,  
nor from their stubborn way." Judges 2:19b*

Please restore us to **the old paths**.

*"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways,  
and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the  
good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find  
rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16a*

## P

Please forgive us for our **pleasure in sin**.

*"[They] rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked."*

*Proverbs 2:14*

Please restore us to **purity**.

*"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."*

*Matthew 5:8*

## G

Please forgive us for our **greed**.

*"Every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness."*

*from Jeremiah 8:10*

Please restore us to **generosity**.

*"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor."*

*Proverbs 22:9*

## Q

Please forgive us for our **quarreling**.

*"Whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" I Corinthians 3:3b*

Please restore us to **quietness**.

*"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." Isaiah 32:17*

## H

Please forgive us for our **hypocrisy**.

*"This people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me."*

*from Isaiah 29:13*

Please restore us to **honor for parents**.

*"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."*

*Exodus 20:12*

## R

Please forgive us for our **rebellion**.

*"We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments." Daniel 9:5*

Please restore us to **reliance on You**.

*"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes."*

*Psalms 118:8-9*

## I

Please forgive us for our **idolatry**.

*"Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made." Isaiah 2:8*

Please restore us to **integrity**.

*"The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."*

*Proverbs 20:7*