

## Day 11 Give Thanks

We are facing many political and social battles as we pray and fast for our nation. Notice what Daniel did when he was persecuted for his faith. His political enemies had a civil law passed prohibiting him from praying. Did he quit? “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home . . . he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave *thanks* before his God” (Dan. 6:10, *NKJV*).

Because Daniel knew that God had answered his prayers in the past, he gave thanks. Isn't it hard to thank God for problems and barriers in our life? But the example of Daniel teaches us to continue giving thanks even as we face difficulties.

Be thankful for your fellow workers, rather than yelling at them. Be thankful for your children, rather than criticizing them. And how about being thankful for our great nation, and those who rule over us? We should be thankful that we don't live under a dictator, nor do we despair with no hope, with no reason to live.

Today, thank God for what food you have, for the clothes on your body, and for whatever shelter you have. Thank God for family, friends, and the nation in which you live. Thank God for every possession you own, but most of all thank God for all He has done through the death of Jesus Christ for you. When you do that, you are ready to pray and intercede for the coming election. – by Elmer Towns©

### -My Time to Pray-

- Lord, thank You for my family and those who love and help me.
- Lord, thank You for our great nation and its past; I have a future grounded in righteousness.
- Lord, thank You for all Christ has done for me in salvation. Thank You for forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

## Day 12 Joining Others

God responds when His people unite in prayer together. Jesus said, “Tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49, *NKJV*). What did they do? “These all continued with one accord in prayer” (Acts 1:14, *NKJV*). In response, “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost” (see Acts 2:1-4) and over 3,000 people were saved, baptized and added to the church.

God can do the supernatural in response to corporate prayer. “While Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him” (Acts 12:5, *NLT*). As a result, an angel led Peter out of prison and he was delivered.

What can we learn from these scriptures? First, you can join millions of others who are fasting and praying for this election. Second, if possible join someone else in your family, or a close friend, to pray together because unity gets results. Jesus said, “If two (or more) of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven” (Matt. 18:19, *NKJV*).

I was converted because a group of people joined together every morning in united prayer for God to send revival to a small place called Bona Bella, Georgia. At that time, they were praying specifically for sixty young people to get saved. In July 1950, an evangelistic meeting was held where seven or eight young people were converted every night for two weeks.

When Rev. Brian Nicholson did research for his doctoral project for the Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi, he noted that 19 young people from Eastern Heights Presbyterian Church went into full-time church ministry at the time. These 19 were saved at the Bona Bella revival. That number represented only one congregation of young people on that list of sixty names for which the people of Bona Bella were interceding.

Just as that humble group of people prayed and a group of young people were saved and missionaries went into all the world, so you can change the world through your prayer and fasting. Just as God transformed Bona Bella, Georgia, He can transform the entire United States if enough people join together in intercessory prayer. – by Elmer Towns©

### -My Time to Pray-

- Lord, I ask that many fasting and praying will be effective.
- Lord, we ask for You to change the world through our prayers.
- Lord, we ask You to save our nation.