

**Day 37****Searching for God by a Fast**

Have you ever felt like our nation was wandering in a desert and it didn't know which way to go? The horizon seems distant. Have we lost our way and don't know which way to turn?

The psalmist also felt lost: "In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord . . . my soul refused to be comforted" (Ps. 77:2, *NKJV*). Again he cried, "As for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped" (Ps. 73:2, *NKJV*).

He prayed: "Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble" (Ps. 102:2, *NKJV*). Just as the psalmist felt lost and couldn't find God, we who know God feel our nation is blinded to its greatness of the past. We must pray with all our hearts for God to do a miracle and turn our nation back to its foundations and to God.

Yet the Bible is filled with promises that God will come to us when we completely throw ourselves on His mercy and beg for His presence. "This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles" (Ps. 34:6, *NKJV*).

Then later the Psalmist promised, "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit . . . but the LORD delivers him out of them all" (Ps. 34:18-19).

We must pray for Christians to turn to God and cry to Him for this coming election. If millions were to repent and pray, God would hear and bring this nation back to its senses. We must pray as though everything depends on God—and it does. Then we must work as though everything depends on us—and it does. – by Elmer Towns©

**-My Time to Pray-**

- Lord, I feel so helpless in the face of great problems and possible harm to our nation. Do a miracle for us.
- Lord, I ask for Your mercy and grace on our nation; turn us back to You in revival and repentance.

**Day 38****Fasting Urgently**

Urgent prayer means you're praying with all your heart and you keep praying because you must have an answer. When a friend faces cancer surgery, you pray because there's nothing else you can do. Urgency of heart produces urgency in prayer. You ask yourself, *What am I going to do?* You pray urgently and persistently. Urgent prayer for a challenging problem; desperate prayer for a crisis.

Isn't our nation in a desperate need? We are divided. We fight among ourselves. We hate. We've lost our sense of God. We've even lost our sense of right and wrong. If we keep going the way we're going, we could lose everything.

Does urgency describe our present state of affairs? We've prayed about our need, but nothing has happened yet. Now we're at the end of our fast; we're desperate. We have entered our fast to touch God so He will answer our prayers.

What is desperation? Peter was walking on the water toward Jesus. His eyes were fixed on Jesus. Isn't that the way we should walk our Christian life? Then, "But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" (Matt. 14:30). He prayed desperately,

"Lord, save me!"

We should have been asking God to prepare our nation for future emergencies, but now we're here. So even when we're blinded by the headlights of this emergency, let's ask God for a miracle. – by Elmer Towns©

**-My Time to Pray-**

- Lord, wake up Christians to the crises facing us; send revival and a spirit of urgent prayer to Your people.
- Lord, do a miracle for our nation as we get ready to vote on our immediate future and our destiny.