



Church of Perth Intercessory Team

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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ASSAULT ON OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Many people are bewildered. What is happening to our society? What has gone wrong? Why are so many young people dying of drug overdose? Why has suicide overtaken the road toll? Why is there so much violence in our schools? Why is it unsafe for old people both at home and in the street? The answer is our abandonment of Truth – that we are caught up in a spiritual war. It is not a conflict of arms but of morality. Basically it is a war between gods: the God of the Bible and the god of this world, satan. The key strongholds of legislation, education, the judiciary and entertainment have been taken over by the forces of secular humanism and the very fabric of our society has been drastically changed. Most noticeable of all is the undermining of the family, the bulwark of society. Easy fault-free divorce has shattered thousands and thousands of homes and wrecked the lives of countless children. Not only is the marriage commitment simpler to break but casual relationships have been encouraged. From the taxation angle it is cheaper to live in sin than to remain true to one's wedding vows.

Also striking are the dramatic changes that have been wrought in the field of education. Nowadays the curricula of all states are dominated by humanist ideology with a strong emphasis on "values clarification" in which such contentious issues as homosexuality, abortion, drugs, death, racism and discrimination are used to teach unchristian values. There is little emphasis on courtesy, respect for others, self-discipline, diligence or character development. For the past twenty years schoolchildren have been victims of a devious scheme to rob them of their virtue in the name of sex education. They have been exposed to the full gamut of sexuality – contraception, reproduction, venereal diseases, Aids, abortion etc. There seems to be no area out of bounds, except the moral one. Yet since the advent of sex education, girl promiscuity has soared along with teenage pregnancies, abortion and STDs. Well what else could you expect?

Then there is the so-called justice system where judges constantly err on the side of leniency towards the offender. Why? Why do they ignore the community's constant cries of justice? Because the humanist philosophy that permeates our judicial system will not accept the Biblical concept of the basic sinful nature of man. Value relativism denies its existence. Psychology ignores its reality. We cannot escape the guilt by reclassifying it as psychiatric illness. It is an objective condition of our hearts and lives as sinners before a righteous holy God. It is not just a subjective state of mind. All wrong-doing is blamed on the social system. No one, it seems, is responsible for his own actions. However, it is only as we return to the Judeo-Christian laws in the faith in Jesus Christ that kept crime in check for decades, will we again become a safe society. Until then more cars will be stolen, more elderly folk assaulted and robbed, more women raped, more innocent victims slain and more fear grip the community.

The media, too, -- especially television – is steadily eroding our moral values and our sense of human decency. Each year the media slides a step further down the degrading trail of violence, crime, sex, blasphemy and foul language. Consequently, as our minds imbibe a constant diet of violence and crudity we lose both the desire and the will to say no to our moral destruction. On another front, we are victims of spiritual warfare. By signing numerous UN treaties we have been duped into compromising our Christian faith and heritage. We have courts without justice. We have anger and frustration replacing patriotism. We have schools deliberately "dumbing down" our youth. We have replaced our traditional heritage with "multi-culturism," revisionism and value relativism. The spiritual "Mafia": Spiritual warfare is not only a matter of contending against godless

philosophers, crafty gurus, Christ-denying cultists and neo-pagan rulers, but against a highly organised army of demonic forces and battalions of fallen angels, (2 Cor 10:3-4). Our physical world is the result of spiritual battles. The Biblical principles on which our country was established are trampled before our eyes.

Our leaders should not take for granted God's Word but heed the words of Abraham Lincoln: "It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God --- and to recognise the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord" Christianity has been the very life-blood of our civilisation. It has provided an absolute standard of morality and given each person animate dignity as one born of the water and Spirit in the image of God. It has furnished a system of justice unsurpassed in the world. It has produced stability, law and order. And last but not least, it has provided faith in God through Jesus Christ who died on the cross, buried and rose again on the third day, that we might live and have an intimate relationship with our Lord God to do His will on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus humbled Himself and became a servant so that we can be made joint-heirs with Him. Do you belong to Him? Have you received His Salvation? If you have, what have you done with it? What is at stake today is profoundly significant. Hanging in the balance is all that the Christian faith implies – holiness, purity, humility, justice, reverence for life, family stability, love for God in Christ and neighbour and the proclamation of the Gospel itself. As a matter of urgency let us return to the Holy One of Israel who gave Himself that we might receive Truth and eternal life and from whom all blessings flow – Jesus Christ, our risen LORD and SAVIOUR, who is 100% victorious and 100% triumphant. Amen.

OUR PRAYER

Our loving Father in heaven, in Jesus' righteousness, we humbly come in one accord to sincerely love You worship You and thank You for who You are and that You have allowed us the privilege and blessing of the heritage of what made this country great by Your grace and immeasurable mercy. We thank You, Father, for the blessings we still enjoy from our complete trust in You, Lord, through the Spirit of our united prayers, supplications and spiritual warfare. Father, we acknowledge our own guilt and responsibility in allowing this heritage to virtually be destroyed. It is our fault, Father: and yet Father, we would also ask that You help us remember that we are but pilgrims passing through and not get our kingdoms confused. Help us Father to keep our hearts and minds focused on the real reality – the spiritual reality of Your Agape Love.

Sovereign Lord, as spiritual warriors, we pray that by Your Spirit draw our government and civic leaders to earnestly repent and join us to grow in the grace, knowledge and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ to equip us for the spiritual battles we are waging that we might be more effective stewards of Your Holy Word, which is a giver of Life and a transmitter of Light. We pray gracious Father, that You would help us to give more priority in our daily lives to develop a greater command in the Spirit of Your "Two – edged Sword" which You have given us to expose and judge the very thoughts and purposes of our hearts and to renew our minds. Father, we pray You would indeed help us to be girded in Your Truth when Your Word and our deeds are one. Help us Father to understand and to appropriate the breastplate of our Lord's righteousness. Thank You Father for helping us to yield to Your Holy Spirit to renew and transform our minds daily by meditating the Scriptures that we may know and prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God – to walk upright and be better witnesses of Your Truth. We pray Father, You would equip us with the helmet of salvation to help us know that victory which You have already assured as ours. Help us Father with our footwork to have the preparation of the Gospel of Your peace that we might be more effective warriors in Your battle. Help us Father, to obey and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Thank You, Father, for helping us through Your Spirit to be diligent to do Your will as we boldly commit ourselves before Your throne, Father, in the authority and in the Name of Y'Shua Ha Mashiach, our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

C O P I T. Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory.