

# 7 GATES NATION PRAYER GUIDE

## *A Nation's 7 Spheres of Influence*

In 1975, Bill Bright of Campus Crusade, and Loren Cunningham of Youth With a Mission, met for lunch in Colorado. During the meeting they realised that God had given them the exact same message, that there are

“seven areas of society that are like classrooms to disciple nations”.

These areas are the keys to national transformation, for good (or bad).

Commonly referred to today, as spheres of influence, mountains or gates, these are:

1. Government

2. Business

3. Media

4. Arts & Entertainment

5. Education

6. Family

7. Church

*Reference: Loren Cunningham (2006) The book that transforms nations, TWAM Singapore. (p42)*

## PRAY BLESSING ON A NATION'S 7 GATES

### 1. Government

Bless the people in authority with:



#### JUSTICE

Pr (NAS) 20:8 - A king [government]

who sits on the throne of justice disperses all evil with his eyes.

Pr 21:15 (NAS) - The exercise of justice is joy for the righteous, But is terror to the workers of iniquity.

Pr 29:4 (NIV) - By justice a king [government] gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.

*Example: In Jesus' Name, I/we bless our government with a spirit of justice, and respect for every human being, such that evil is dispersed, joy comes to the righteous and terror to the workers of iniquity. We ask that our government will have zero tolerance for the giving and receiving of bribes, in order that we and our business partners will experience stability in our respective lands.*

#### RIGHTEOUSNESS

Pr 11:5 (NIV) - The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.

Pr 11:18 (NIV) - The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.

Pr 13:6 NIV - Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

Pr 14:34 (NIV) - Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Pr 16:12 (NIV) - Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne [government] is established through righteousness.

Pr 21:21 (NIV) - He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

#### TRUTH

Pr 20:28 (NAS) - Loyalty and truth preserve the king [government], And he upholds his throne by righteousness.

#### PEACE

Pr 12:20 (NAS) - Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.

Pr 16:7 (NAS) - When a man's [government's] ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

#### WISDOM

Pray blessing with Pr 8:12-21.

*Example: I/we bless our government with the fear of the LORD. We pray that they will hate evil, pride, arrogance and the perverted mouth. We bless the government to hear and love the counsel of God. We bless them with understanding, power and especially wisdom because it is by wisdom that governments reign, decree justice, rule and judge rightly.*

### 2. Business

Bless the businesses in the nation with Ps 112:

#### GENEROSITY TOWARDS THE POOR

#### GRACE TO PROSPER IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD

#### UPRIGHTNESS

*Example: I/we bless the businesses in this country with the fear of the LORD (Ps19:9). We bless them to be mighty in the land. We say that they will nurture an upright*



*generation of business people that will also be blessed. May wealth and riches be in their house, and may their righteousness endure forever. I/we bless them with light in dark times, to be always gracious, merciful, and righteous. LORD, may you give them hearts that will seek to deal generously, be lenders rather than borrowers, and conduct their affairs with justice. May they never be moved from Your foundations. Bless their leaders with spirits that will be firm, trusting in You, steady and unafraid of bad news and difficulties. May they give freely to the poor and may their horn be exalted in honour.*

#### WISDOM, CREATIVITY, INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE FROM GOD

Dt 8:18 (ESV) - You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth...

Ex 35:30-35 (ESV) - Then Moses said to the people of Israel, “See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri... and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs... for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach... filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver... designer... embroiderer... or by a weaver - by any sort of workman or skilled designer.

#### SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Mt 20:26-27 (ESV) - ...whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave.

#### EMPLOYEES WHO SERVE WITH EXCELLENCE

Col 3:23 (ESV) - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord [Jesus] Christ.

### 3. Media

Bless the key influencers in the Media Gate with:



#### A LOVE FOR TRUTH

Ps 15:2-3,5 (ESV) - ...He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor... He who does these things shall never be moved.

#### DISCERNMENT

1 Jn 4:1 (ESV) - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. Php 1:9 (ESV) - And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent.

#### THE RIGHT HEART

Ac 13:22 (ESV) - ...he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

#### GRACE TO SHINE

Dn 12:3 (ESV) - And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever.

### 4. Arts & Entertainment

Bless the leaders in the Arts & Entertainment Gate with:



#### GOD'S CREATIVITY

Gn 1:1 (ESV) - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. See Ex 35:30-35

#### INNOVATIVE IDEAS THAT WILL BUILD, INSPIRE LOVE & ENCOURAGE

Php 4:8 (ESV) - Finally, brothers, whatever is true... honorable... just... pure... lovely... commendable... excellence... worthy of praise, think about these things.

### 5. Education

Bless the Education Gate with policy makers, teachers and the right curriculum to impart:

### WISDOM AND A LOVE FOR LEARNING

Pr 8:12-21 (ESV) - "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength... Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness... I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries." Pr 9:9 (ESV) - Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

#### VALUES THAT WILL BLESS COMMUNITIES ACROSS NATIONS AND GENERATIONS

Mt 7:12 (ESV) - So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them.

Jn 13:34 (ESV) - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.

#### SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Dt 11:12 (ESV) - But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, a land that the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

Ps 95:5 (ESV) - The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

### 6. Family

Bless all families in the nation with:

#### INTERGENERATIONALLY STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

Mt 4:5,6 (ESV) - "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

#### GOOD COMMUNICATION

1 Cr 13:4-7 (ESV) - Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong-doing, but rejoices with truth. Love bears all things, believes all

things, hopes all things, endures all things.

#### UNITY, WHOLENESS, PEACE

Ps 133 (ESV) - Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down... For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

#### AN INHERITANCE

Ps 27:29 (ESV) - The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

*Example: Father in heaven, I/we ask that you release your highest blessings upon every household, marriage and child in this nation. Bless them with strong intergenerational relationships, good health, wealth and wisdom. Bless everything they are involved with to bring You glory. Bless them with an ever increasing knowledge of who You are, Your ways, Your purposes and plans for them.*

### 7. Church

Bless the Church in our nation to be:



#### UNITED AS ONE IN TRUTH

Jn 17:17-21 (ESV) - "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so the world may believe that you have sent me."

#### JESUS' HANDS & FEET, AS AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

Mt 25:34-36,40 (ESV) - Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

#### THE HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL

Declare Dt 28 blessings over the Body of Christ.