

**Prayer Topic #17:**

**A Prayer Regarding the Debt Ceiling Negotiations**

**Scripture Reading:**

I Chronicles 16:8-12, Matthew 6:19-34

**Reflections of the Heart:**

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:16b. Let us pray effectively and fervently for our elected government officials so that we can prevent another showdown over the nation’s debt ceiling.

**Scriptural Prayer:**

Sovereign Father, we thank You for Your grace and mercy towards the United States of America. Thank You for helping those families, businesses and industries who were negatively affected by the temporary shutdown in October. Thank You for hearing the cries of Your people as we pray to You on behalf of this nation and our leaders. Thank You for holding the hearts of President Barack Obama, John Boehner and the Congressional leaders in Your hand. We know that it is nobody but You who is sustaining our economic system. Lord, remember Your promises to us; they are our only hope. Your promises revive us and comfort us in all our troubles. The proud hold us in utter contempt, but we do not turn away from Your instructions. We meditate on Your age-old regulations; O Lord, they comfort us. We reflect at night on who You are, O Lord; therefore, we obey Your instructions. This is how we will spend our lives, obeying Your commandments.

Righteous Father, Your Word declares that a kingdom divided against itself will be brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. Therefore, by faith, we declare that as our congressional leaders once again come to the table to discuss the national debt ceiling, they will lay down their party politics and work for the best solution for the American people. We declare wisdom and discernment for the members of the House-Senate Budget Conference Committee as they address the Continuing Resolutions so our country can avoid another government shutdown. We commit the hearts of: President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew, House Speaker John Boehner, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Chief of Staff Dennis McDonough, Director of the National Economic Council Gene Sperling, as well as all the members of the Senate and House of Representatives to You. Your Word instructs that pride goes before destruction and haughtiness before a fall so we declare that our congressional leaders will lay their ego and pride aside and work for the best interest of the American citizens. We confess that the financial security of America’s people will no longer be stalled by selfish partisan agendas and sensationalistic political tactics. As kings of the King and lords of the Lord, we take authority and speak into the supernatural realm that our government and economic leaders will receive the release of Your divine instructions during this delicate time, and by faith, they will devise a safe and effective recovery plan before the February 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.

***Holy Spirit, please show me how to specifically pray about the debt ceiling situation:***

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Holy Spirit, please help our government and economic leaders solidify a resolution by identifying and agreeing upon a permanent solution instead of just creating future deadlines that will continue to hold the American economy hostage to party politics. Please honor our praying and penetrate the darkness that looms in the hearts of those who are resistant for partisan reasons. Calm the fears of the American public as well as the international financial community as the negotiations proceed. Help us, as a nation, to reconnect to You, the Living God, as our source and supply.

Loving Father, we repent on behalf of our nation for our many sins. We acknowledge that many of us played an active role in causing the downturn of our economy. Forgive us as the Body of Christ for not always staying alert and aware of the conditions affecting our nation’s economic system. Please forgive us all for wickedness, injustice, unrighteousness, lewdness, and arrogance. Father, please have mercy on our nation! Forgive our government and economic leaders for allowing their stubbornness, indecisiveness and division to cast a shadow of fear and hopelessness upon the American public. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have**

**committed**). Holy Spirit, remind our leaders of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Father, help our government and economic leaders not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Magnificent Lord, there is none like You. You are great and Your Name is full of power. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? That title belongs to You alone! Among all the wise people of the earth and in all the kingdoms of the world, there is no one like You. You are the King of glory. You are the Lord of Heaven's Armies. You are worthy, Lord our God, to receive glory, honor and power. You created all things and they exist because You created what You pleased. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 34:17, Proverbs 21:1, Psalm 119:49-52, 55-56, Mark 3:24-25, Proverbs 16:18, Jeremiah 10:6-7, Psalm 24:10, Revelation 4:11

**Today I will trust God to:**

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