

Prayer Petition #3:

A Prayer for the Economy for the Houston Metropolitan Area and United States of America

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 92:1-6, Haggai 1:3-11

Reflections of the Heart:

George Santayana said “Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” As we look at the current state of the U.S. economy, let us learn from our past mistakes and declare the word of God over this situation, expecting His divine intervention.

Scriptural Prayer:

Lord, You are King! You are robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. Your throne, O Lord, has stood from time immemorial and You Yourself are from the everlasting past. The floods have risen up; they roar like thunder and pound their waves. You are mightier than the raging of the sea and mightier than the breakers on the shore. As a city, we sing to You, Lord, and shout joyfully to You, the Rock of our salvation. We come with thanksgiving, singing songs of praise to You. Father, we thank You for being the source of our supply. We thank You for meeting all of our needs from Your glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Your Name is a strong fortress that we, the godly, can run to and find safety.

Father, some nations boast of their chariots and horses; but we boast in the Name of the Lord, our God. As a city, we stand in the authority given to us and speak to the economic infrastructure of our nation. In Jesus’ Name, we command that: 1) U.S. credit markets become calm; 2) the U.S. buying and borrowing binge cease; 3) consumer and investor confidence be restored; and 4) our economic growth be sustained and steady! We command justice to run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream within our economy. We declare that the people of our city and nation will live in the homes that they purchased and enjoy the fruits of their labors. We destroy the assignments of the spirit of foreclosure and any spirits related to it. We confess that our nation will lend to other nations and become less dependent on the loans of foreign nations to stabilize our economy. We cancel every confession and proclamation of recession and economic ruin that has been spoken over our country, in the Name of Jesus. We command the value of the U.S. dollar to increase in the international market within the next three to six months. Father, the Word says death and life are in the power of the tongue; so as the people of God, we boldly call for new beginnings, increase and abundance for our nation’s economy now. Father, You give us the ability to get wealth so that the covenant You made with Abraham is continued and as his heirs, we stand in full confidence of that truth today. We confess that the fiscal health of the United States is strong, stable and vibrant.

Beginning today, I will take the following actions in my personal and professional life to promote economic stability:

Almighty Father, because this nation has stood under the banner of Your Name, we thank You for hearing our confessions for the economy. Make a pathway in the wilderness and create rivers in the dry wastelands of our nation’s economic system. Holy Spirit, reveal economic strategies that are pre-ordained for economic vitality in our nation. The hearts of kings and rulers are in Your hand, so Father, we ask that You touch the hearts of the OPEC leaders to reduce the price of oil. Touch the hearts and minds of our business leaders to manage effectively, efficiently and fairly. Holy Spirit, increase the knowledge and skill level of current and future U.S. workers to ensure that we have an adequate number of qualified workers to keep jobs in this country. Lord, You said Your people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; help us to stop rejecting knowledge and to pursue both knowledge of You and knowledge that positions us for the highest paying occupations. Increase the wisdom and knowledge of Chairman Ben S. Bernanke of the Federal Reserve, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and our local, state and national economic leaders. Turn their hearts toward the needs of the American people. Help our government to make wise and godly decisions with the country’s national resources. Holy Spirit, help every American citizen to establish and live within his or her respective budgets. Admonish us to stop spending more than we make and to begin to save and invest so that we will have an inheritance to leave to our grandchildren.

Lord, we repent on behalf of our city and nation for the many sins that have caused curses to fall upon our land. We repent for the sin of idolatry. Forgive us for making money, sex, power, careers, entertainment and personal interests our gods.

Forgive us as a nation for not honoring the nuclear family structure, for disrespecting our elders and not investing into the lives of our children and youth. Forgive us for the corruption within our judicial system and the greed within our corporations. As the Church, forgive us where we have made personal gain a greater priority than advancing Your kingdom. Forgive us for mismanaging the resources, wealth and opportunities You have given to our nation. Forgive us for placing our trust and hope in the economy and not in You. Holy Spirit, show us those we need to forgive; and help us to be quick to forgive.

As a nation, lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Heavenly Father, we know through Your Word that all Your promises are Yes and Amen to Your glory. We bless You, the Lord of Heaven's Armies for Your home reaches up to the heavens, while its foundation is on the earth. You draw up water from the oceans and pour it down as rain on the land. The Lord is Your Name! In the mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 93:1-4, Psalm 95:1-2, Philippians 4:19, Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 20:7, Amos 5:24, Isaiah 65:21-22, Deuteronomy 28:12-13, Proverbs 18:21, Deuteronomy 8:18, Isaiah 43:19, Proverbs 21:1, Hosea 4:6, Proverbs 13:22, Deuteronomy 27:15-26, Haggai 1:3-11, Matthew 6:13, II Corinthians 1:20, Amos 9:5-6

Today, I will trust God to:
