

Petition #16:

A Prayer for the Nations of the World

Scripture Reading:

Nehemiah 9:5-15, Psalm 33:6-22

Reflections of the Heart:

The Lord of the harvest is awaiting our prayers. He also beckons us to share His Gospel. As you are praying today, think of those persons in faraway lands who have not heard the Gospel. Then, think about that family member, co-worker or neighbor near you who needs to hear that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation in Jesus Christ. Are you the one to share the Gospel today?

Scriptural Prayer:

Father, we extol You as our God and King. We bless Your Name forever and ever. Every day we will bless You and praise Your Name forever and ever. You are great and greatly to be praised. Your greatness is unsearchable. Father, we are grateful for the freedom to worship You, our God. We thank You that You have empowered the church of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the passion of Your Son. We thank the Holy Spirit for inspiring the hearts of men and women in all nations of the world to spread the Word of Truth to glorify You. Thank You, Father, for giving us Your Spirit to unify the Body of Christ around the world. We praise You for hearing our petitions and answering them. You are a wonderful God and we bless Your Name.

Father, we stand amazed at the fullness of Your love. You so loved the world that You gave Your one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life. We declare that the knowledge of You fills the earth like the waters that cover the sea, that You be glorified. You have spoken and Your Word will not return empty but will accomplish Your purpose. Your Word tells us that there will be a great multitude of sheep and lambs that no one can count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before Your throne and in front of the Lamb. And they will cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." We confess that every person, tribe, nation, people and language will acknowledge that You are God of the nations and Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the liberator for all people. Father, we confess that You have filled us with Your Spirit to know Your Word and unconditional love, so that we can discern the intent of the heart of each person that is a new creation in Christ, who are commanded to bring You glory. We declare that we have the strength for all things in the courage of Christ to share Your Gospel with our families, neighbors, co-workers, enemies and even strangers.

List specific changes that need to occur in our world and begin to pray about them:

Father, we pray that the church of Jesus Christ will unite in all nations as one so that the world may know Jesus Christ as the full measure of Your love. Holy Spirit, inspire the attention of Christian people to make disciples of all nations. We pray that those who are called and sent forth will be a great multitude of workers to bring Your message of salvation to every nation, especially those nations that have yet to hear about Your great salvation and delivering power. Father, we pray that as Senator George Mitchell travels to the Middle East and UN Ambassador Richard Holbrooke travels to Afghanistan and Pakistan, they will bring to those lands in their negotiations evidence of Your love, compassion and wisdom. Holy Spirit, increase Your wisdom, knowledge, and discernment in them.

Father, forgive the people of the nations of the world, including the United States, who turn to other gods. Forgive all humanity who do not willingly receive the love and covenant of Your Son, for they know not what they do. Forgive those in the Body of Christ who yield to pride, competition, division, and isolation that destroy our witness to communities and nations of the earth. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit and limited Your great power by our yielding to carnality and our many divisions. We confess that we have not loved the world as You love the world. We ask You to heal us that we will desire to be one, even as You and Jesus are One. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed.)*** Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us 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.)

Lord, help us to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, You are the King of Glory. You are the Lord of hosts. You are worthy to receive glory, honor and power, for You created all things good. By Your will they exist and were created. Holy, holy, holy are You, the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 145:1-3, John 3:16, Habakkuk 2:14, Isaiah 55:11, Revelation 7:9-10, II Corinthians 5:14-17, Matthew 28:19, Matthew 9:38, John 17:22, Matthew 6:14, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 24:10, Revelation 4:11, Isaiah 6:3

Today, I will trust God to:
