

# The Power Of Prayer In American History

It was during the sweltering summer of 1787, when the Founding Fathers met at Independence Hall in Philadelphia to hammer out the exact details of our republic's governing constitution. There were anger filled arguments that frequently flared up among the delegates of the thirteen colonies. The verbal jousting was at times so intense that the entire convention was in danger of breaking down. Into the thick atmosphere of division and conflict, an 81 year old statesman slowly rose to address the men with wondrous words of profound wisdom.

Although, many historians proudly proclaim him to have lacked any Christian leanings, Dr. Benjamin Franklin nonetheless understood how crucial moral and Biblical virtues would be to this new born republic. (Something that is sorely lacking amongst most of the leaders of today) Appealing to the words of Psalm 127:1, Franklin addressed George Washington, president of the convention, and counseled his fellow delegates to beseech the aid of Almighty God before they proceeded any further.

Dr. Franklin led his fellow founders in the search for Providential guidance with this prayer:

I have lived sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, it is probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects

will be confounded, and we ourselves will become a reproach and by word down to the future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing governments by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war, and conquest.

I therefore beg to leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service.

God indeed, answered the prayers of the Founding Fathers, as on September 17, 1787, the drafting of the U. S. Constitution was finally completed. It is without a doubt, the greatest political document ever written. Franklin's words remain forever true: as our republic today faces enormous moral, political and spiritual issues and concerns, we shall most surely fail in this "grand experiment" of liberty unless we without ceasing seek the "Providential guidance of our Creator."

Never before has our great republic faced so much potential destruction and yet so much promise to be great again. "We the People" not the politicians by the Potomac are the ultimate deciders upon which direction America takes and ends up. In the Bible, Second Chronicles 7:14 plainly states 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 forgive their sin and heal their land. That is why I am encouraged, because over the past three years at least, a growing spiritual army of Christians have been praying to God on behalf of America and even seeking HIS forgiveness for our national shortcomings.

I believe that prayers are being answered, ranging from the presidency to our national sovereignty, including border security. Those of the left are not exactly rolling over and

giving up on their mission of destruction, but so what. There have been few worthy struggles that were akin to a walk in the park. The Founding Fathers risked and lost practically everything and in many cases their very lives. But they did not die in vain. The greatest nation in the history of the world was formed, yet she has not even reached her highest potential. I am of the opinion, that as the sizeable remnant of sovereign citizens who love God and appreciate America the beautiful continue to pray for our land of the free and home of the brave, the great America renewal and restoration will continue without long term pauses.

But the key to success is not giving up, nor giving in no matter how tough the battle, because the war is ours to win, as we keep the faith and fight until the enemies of liberty either have a change of heart or a change of address. God bless you, God bless America and may America bless God. Be blessed every Friday at 4:00 PM EST, 1:00 PM PT during The Ron Edwards Experience, emanating worldwide from flagship station KCKQ AM 1180 in Reno, Nevada, [www.talkamericaradio.us](http://www.talkamericaradio.us) both terrestrial radio and internet sites, [www.americamatters.us](http://www.americamatters.us), [www.shrmedia.com](http://www.shrmedia.com). The Edwards Notebook commentary is also enjoyed daily on [www.freedominamericaradio.com](http://www.freedominamericaradio.com) and during Money Talk with Melanie heard daily at 5:00 PM EST on SHR Media, High Plains Talk Radio and [www.freddominamericaradio.com](http://www.freddominamericaradio.com).

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