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State Capitol Prayer Report

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If I were to describe our Prayer Gathering at the State Capitol, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 in a phrase, it would be "Faith Filled." Let me do my best to record this happening in the Holy Spirit. Like many intercessors that brought their portion, it started for me before I arrived. On the drive to Baton Rouge from my home God spoke very clearly to me that we were "**not to receive**" in Louisiana the "curses" that this nation was bringing on itself. He was reminding me of the words He had spoken to us about our destiny in Him as a state over the recent years. A righteous anger came over me at the realization that we were to fight for our destiny in God like never before. That destiny can be summed up in this way, "God Be Glorified in Louisiana!" At the same time such a rejoicing was present in my spirit because God was obviously saying that there was a way for us to walk that would allow us to be a "Light and Voice" to this nation going astray.

One of the ways that God spoke about our destiny was through a proclamation that was sent to me by Dale Lee who now lives in Tennessee and who was instrumental in the formation of IFL. I read it at the start of our meeting. It was signed by three former Governors. This is what it says:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, at times it is both needful and appropriate to pause and seek the blessing of Almighty God; and
Whereas, we as former Governors of the State of Louisiana desire to see the positive influence of our state expand beyond the borders of Louisiana; and
Whereas, we recognize that man is limited in his ability and is dependent upon a sovereign God; and
Whereas, we desire to see Louisiana kept from counterproductive ways which while politically expedient, result in injustice and inequity.
Therefore, we as former Governors of Louisiana, on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana, do ask that the Lord God would indeed bless Louisiana and that He would expand the redemptive influence of our state beyond the borders of this great nation and further more that His hand would be upon Louisiana to direct us upon a path that might be a blessing to the nations.

In Witness Whereof, we have set our hand upon this twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand one.

Former Governor – Edwin W. Edwards

Former Governor – David C. Treen

Former Governor – Charles E. "Buddy" Roemer

God also had me bring a picture of the artwork that was done for us by James Nesbitt in Missouri called "Let There Be Light" that depicts the State Capitol Building with a Menorah imposed over it. (go to our website www.pray4govt.org to see it). This artwork has the scripture verse in Is. 11:2 under it which is: "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." This is what we pray for our governmental leaders constantly; that all of these spirits will rest upon them too.

As the night progressed the Holy Spirit manifested so wonderfully as faith continued to rise and rise as the intercessors declared the word of the Lord over our government, our land and its citizens. Many read Scriptures as a reminder of God's unfailing love and faithfulness. "*God is not a man that He should lie nor a son of man that*

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He should repent; has He said it, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” (Num. 23:19), “You can everything and no purpose of Yours can be withheld from you” (Job 42:2). On and on we rejoiced in the Presence of the Holy Spirit. Such maturity in intercession was exhibited. Truly those that attended were standing in the gap between God and mankind; loving others more than themselves!

This past week Pastor Tommy Faulk called me and when I asked him what was going on he said, “Psalms 125 is going on!” This was not only confirmation but more importantly a scripture we can stand on as we pray for Louisiana in this timeframe we are in. It lends understanding to the question of why Louisiana can be a light when the nation moves toward darkness. *Ps. 125:3 – For the scepter (authority) of wickedness shall not rest on the land of the righteous; that the righteous may not put forth their hands to do wrong.*

I was instantly reminded of what the Lord said when we were praying at the MS River in Baton Rouge as part of the River Flush Prayer Initiative last year. The Conference of Black Mayors was taking place at the River Center and both Hillary Clinton and Barak Obama were speaking at it. As I was standing on the wharf preparing to welcome the out of state intercessors the Holy Spirit said, “ These two politicians have no authority to release a spirit of death through abortion in this city because of what your government did in passing Senate Bill 33.” ***To the measure that we as a state purpose to align with the heart and word of God concerning the issues of life we proportionately “dis - allow” the devil to have authority to do wickedness in our land or cause our people to do wrong before God. This is crucial for us to understand.***

Though we live in a nation of states, God deals with us individually as a state as well. God’s word is plain in this regard. Israel was divided into 12 Tribes as the map below shows and each tribe was dealt with according to their walking in His ways. In Luke 22:30 - God speaks to the apostles and says, “you will sit on thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel.” Even in God’s coming Kingdom they are judged according to their divisions as tribes. Why would it be different for us?



With that said let us implement this 3 part strategy of prayer: **Rejoice, Renounce and Remember!**

- 1) **Rejoice** in the words of God over us here in Louisiana! Declare these words over our state, our land and our people! Call forth the righteousness that “dis-allows” the enemy to cause our people to do wrong!
- 2) **Renounce** (refuse further to follow, obey or recognize) our affiliation with the scepter of wickedness falling on our nation. The very best thing we can do to help the USA is to be the Light and Voice we are called to be. Example: “We renounce the spirit of death and release life in Jesus Name!”
- 3) **Remember** His faithfulness to bring His will to pass. We are talking about The One who gave His Son to die in order to reconcile man to Himself. His purpose is to save and not destroy!

Till He Comes,
Todd Trahan