



THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT IS A SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR A CRY OUT AMERICA GATHERING
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CRY OUT AMERICA! PRAYER EVENT

PRESENTATION SCRIPT
[Approx. 45–50 minutes]

Resource: As people arrive, a program will be distributed with the following information for audience participation. The program could potentially contain the following (song titles indicate words to songs are included within program or on an inserted page):

- Joel 1:14; 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Pledge to the American Flag
- *Star Spangled Banner*
- Pledge to the Christian Flag
- Pledge to the Bible
- Scripture References, Topics, and Program Participant Names
- Litany of Repentance
- *God of Our Fathers*
- Lord's Prayer
- *God Bless America*

MUSICAL PRELUDE 11:45 – 12:00 (patriotic/gospel)

PROGRAM START 12:00 noon

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/INVOCATION

■ Welcome and Purpose

☞ Presenter: _____

Welcome to the [**County Name**] County *Cry Out America* prayer gathering! I am [**personal introduction**]. On behalf of the planning team, thank you for joining us for this cross-denominational, non-partisan time of prayer together. I am pleased to announce that similar county prayer gatherings will be held in all 50 states, from the Hawaiian Islands to Alaska and across the mainland from coast to coast. We thank God for that!

Though we face challenges as a nation, we can be thankful and proud to be citizens of the United States of America! Ours is a great nation worthy of the continued investment of our time and energy through prayer. We have gathered today for that very reason. Although serious moral and spiritual needs are evident in every arena of our society—family, church, government, marketplace, education, media, arts and entertainment—true believers in Christ have the opportunity to influence our culture, addressing those needs biblically in a spirit of love and compassion.

In a period when the nation of Israel and God’s people faced great moral and spiritual challenges, the prophet Joel wrote this prescription:

***“Declare a holy fast;
call a sacred assembly.
Summon the elders
and all who live in the land
to the house of the LORD your God,
and cry out to the LORD.”
(Joel 1:14, NIV)***

Today we have gathered at our county courthouse, a seat of authority and justice in this county, to symbolize those important issues across the nation. We will be calling out to God for a Christ awakening to come to our county, our cities, our state, our nation, and to the Church. Your participation is deeply appreciated and indicates your concern for the challenges we face in America. We believe as we synergize our prayers with many others across the nation, a tremendous awakening and hunger for spiritual renewal will be kindled, having an impact far beyond the brief time spent today and for many years to come.

Our gathering will not be a time of celebration. Certainly there is a place for that, but our purpose today is to give honest and solemn reflection on the deep spiritual needs in our nation.

Five purposes have been outlined for the *Cry Out America* prayer gathering. These purposes are:

1. To raise awareness of the deep spiritual need of the Church and our nation;
2. To seek God’s forgiveness and outpouring of His Spirit in sweeping revival in the Church
3. To seek God’s intervention in our nation to reverse our worsening moral decline and convert the lost.
4. To unite believers in our communities in intense and intentional prayer toward those ends.
5. To lay a foundation for continued local efforts toward united prayer and evangelism.

We are united around a common cause—to seek God’s divine intervention. Let’s believe together that this will be only the beginning of what He can and will do through our united faith, prayers, and efforts.

■ **Special Thanks/Introductions**

[Acknowledge county and city officials and other special guests]

I also want to express thanks to the members of the *Cry Out America* Planning Team that have provided such tremendous input and assistance in coordinating this prayer gathering. Members of the team include: [**Acknowledge Planning Team members**]. We also are grateful for your involvement and for our special guests who are noted in your program. As the various prayers and readings are presented during our time together, each will come in turn without further introduction.

Recognizing our allegiance is to both God and country, [**participant name**] is coming to open our gathering with prayer, followed by the presentation of colors and pledges of allegiance.

■ **Invocation**

☞ Presenter: _____

O, Lord God, we thank You for the privilege we have in this nation to assemble freely to pray. We do not take for granted the rights and privileges we enjoy as citizens of this great land. As Your people, the Church, we thank You for the opportunity to stand collectively as members of the Body of Christ to seek Your aid and intervention both for the Church and for our nation. May our time together be hallowed by Your holy presence.

In the strong name of Your Son Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

- **Presentation of Colors** (could be done by local ROTC or military)

- **Pledge of Allegiance to American Flag** (Audience Participation)

☞ Presenter: _____

American Flag: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

- **Song: *Star Spangled Banner*** by Francis Scott Key (1814)

☞ Presenter: _____

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

- **Pledges of Allegiance to Christian Flag and Bible** (Audience Participation)

☞ Presenters: _____

Christian Flag: I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands—One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

Bible: I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path, and hide its words in my heart that I may not sin against God.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- **Scripture and Prayer: *Nehemiah 9:5–6; Psalm 96:1–6***

☞ Presenter: _____

Nehemiah 9:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ And the Levites—Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah—said: “Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.”

“Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. ⁶ You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Psalms 96:1-6 (NIV)

*¹ Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*² Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.*

*³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

*⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

*⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.*

*⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.*

CRYING OUT IN REPENTANCE

■ Our Present Crisis

☞ Presenter: _____

Whatever our ethnic, religious, or cultural background, the reality of evil such as occurred on September 11, 2001, remains a mystery. For those who were old enough to remember this tragic day, it is emblazoned forever on our hearts and minds. The orphaned children, grieving families, war on terrorism, post-traumatic stress disorders, economic aftermath, and an extensive list of evidence remains for each one of us regardless of our age or ability to grasp the scope of such tragedy.

Another ongoing mystery is why the country of America has drifted further from a vital relationship with her Creator, King, and Redeemer—Jesus Christ the Lord. We are nearing the date of a critical National Election. What will be required for us to experience national repentance, revival, and a true restoration to godliness?

In addressing the concerns of our nation in prayer, we must recognize that the Church, the body of Christ, bears a tremendous load of responsibility in providing

moral and spiritual guidance for our nation. Regrettably, in many ways we have fallen short and have failed to have the impact on our culture that we should.

- ✚ Ease, complacency, and tolerance have replaced righteous fervor, bold witness, and godly example.
- ✚ A bold proclamation of the gospel has been muted in deference to political correctness.
- ✚ Celebration has trumped hearing God's Word and seeking His aid through earnest prayer and intercession.
- ✚ Personal and corporate witness has been silenced by fear of what others might think.
- ✚ Standards of holy living have been diluted by accommodating a postmodern, anything-goes morality

In view of this, we must deal openly and honestly with our need for repentance and forgiveness. In order for the Church to have the impact we must have on our culture, renewal and awakening must first come to the house of God.

- ✚ The Church is God's agency in this world to convey the promises and commands of His Word to each generation.
- ✚ The Church is to provide a voice of authority and guidance; to warn against departure from the moral absolutes and ethical precepts of God's Word.
- ✚ Each believer individually and the Church collectively must be an example of godly character and righteousness.
- ✚ We are to be salt and light, serving both as a preservative against moral decay and light to shine through spiritual darkness.

The prophet Joel told wayward Israel: "Let the priests, the Lord's ministers, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, 'Spare Your people, O Lord, and do not make Your inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations'" (Joel 2:17a NASB).

May we be reminded again of the oft-quoted words of 2 Chronicles 7:14. You have the text of that verse in your program, so **please read or recite in unison with me this important instruction from God's Word.**

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Until this prescription is followed by the people called by His name, healing cannot come. So we are here, as the Church and as citizens of this great nation, to openly and honestly ask God to forgive us of our sins and shortcomings and to breathe new life into us, His Body, so that we will influence our culture with good and righteousness. In so doing, may we provide compelling reason for many people to come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ Scripture and Prayer: *Nehemiah 9:13–17; 1 John 1:5–9*

☞ Presenter: _____

Nehemiah 9:13–17 (NIV)

¹³ You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right, and decrees and commands that are good. ¹⁴ You made known to them your holy Sabbath and gave them commands, decrees and laws through your servant Moses. ¹⁵ In their hunger you gave them bread from heaven and in their thirst you brought them water from the rock; you told them to go in and take possession of the land you had sworn with uplifted hand to give them. ¹⁶ But they, our ancestors, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and they did not obey your commands. ¹⁷ They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them.

1 John 1:5–9 (NIV)

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

■ Litany of Repentance

☞ Presenter: _____

As we consider our responsibilities as a Church today, we recognize our need, as the ancient prophets and New Testament church leaders, to pray our own prayer of confession and contrition. In your program is a *Litany of Repentance and Forgiveness*. **Please agree together as I read and join with me in reading the portions in boldface type in your program.**

Litany of Repentance and Forgiveness

We acknowledge that God made the world and everything in it is the Lord's.

We so acknowledge!

We acknowledge from one man God made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth, and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

We so acknowledge!

We acknowledge that, according to Acts 17:14–18, God chose particular places for all humankind so that each individual would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him.

We so acknowledge!

Today, Lord Jesus, we come to you in repentance on behalf of our national forefathers and ourselves for allowing any pride and bias against cultural differences to create an atmosphere of prejudice and, as a result, violence. We repent for devaluing, demeaning, capturing, enslaving, and sometimes killing others for personal gain.

We repent!

As the Israelite Nehemiah did on behalf of his nation, we offer to you our tears of sorrow and remorse on behalf of the sins of our nation. Forgive us for mistreating and dishonoring Native Americans. Forgive us for destroying their families by separating them—especially children from their parents. Forgive us for displacing them and stealing their land. Forgive us for the destruction of many lives.

We repent!

Forgive us for mistreatment of black Africans. Forgive us for removing them from their homelands and their families. Forgive us for treating any human as property or something to be bought and sold. Forgive us for restricting their potential and not enabling them to achieve the same level of success as all people.

We repent!

Forgive us for mistreatment of Asians, Hispanics, Indians and any minority group. Forgive us for elevating ourselves above others and for thinking, saying, or implying, our language, traditions, food, education, history, and art are superior to theirs. Forgive us for not allowing equal access to needed resources. Forgive us for not treating aliens in our country as you would have us treat one of your children.

Please forgive us!

Father we repent for devaluing the lives of our unborn children. Forgive us for the massive shedding of innocent blood in our nation. Forgive us for thinking of our personal needs, desires, and wants before the needs of others, including the thousands of childless couples who long for the privilege of parenting. Forgive us for not taking a stand for those silenced and disenfranchised.

Father, Forgive us!

Forgive us for allowing our children, especially our daughters, to be used immorally and for considering anyone as something to be bought and sold for degrading purposes. Forgive us for consuming sex as entertainment and for dishonoring the covenantal bond between husbands and wives.

Father, Forgive us!

Father, forgive us for undervaluing women whether in the home or market place. Forgive us for not appreciating their inherent life-giving and nurturing gifts, talents, and abilities.

Father, we repent!

Father, forgive us for degrading the role of men. Forgive us for attempting to deflate the value of some for the sake of inflating another. Forgive us for not appreciating their inherent strength, gifts, talents, and abilities to provide and protect.

Father, we repent!

Father, we acknowledge you created each of us. According to the Psalmist, you knit us together in our mother's womb. All our days were ordained and recorded before one of them came to be. According to Paul, you chose us before the foundation of the world and endowed us with the responsibility to love unconditionally through your unconditional, demonstrative, sacrificial love for us.

We so acknowledge!

CRYING OUT FOR LIFE

■ Scripture and Prayer: Isaiah 61:1–3; Psalm 139:13–16

☞ Presenter(s): _____ (You may consider asking local pro-life ministry leaders such as the director of a pregnancy resource center and/or adoption agency.)

Isaiah 61:1–4 (NIV)

¹ *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.*

Psalm 139:13–16 (NIV)

¹³ For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

■ **Scripture Prayer: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9–13, KJV)**
(Audience in Unison)

☞ Presenter: _____

Let us pray The Lord's Prayer in unison as we reflect upon our responsibility as individual believers and as the Church to experience forgiveness and accomplish God's will in this world. **[Ask audience to read/recite in unison The Lord's Prayer, per the printed program]**

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

CRYING OUT FOR AWAKENING IN OUR NATION

■ **Historical Readings**

☞ Presenter: _____

While we do indeed enjoy great blessings in this land, we cry out to God today for a Christ awakening across America. We pray that God indeed will continue to shed His grace upon our land. His blessing, however, does come with condition. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 14:34, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people” (NIV). Psalm 33:12 declares, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD” (NIV).

Early in our history, and leading into the present generation, many great leaders of our nation have acknowledged God's sovereignty and the need to align our lives with His Word and will. It is fitting for us, on this occasion, to hear their words.

[Patriotic music playing in background]

☞ Presenter: _____

- **“It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.” –Patrick Henry**

☞ Presenter: _____

- **"The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained."**

"It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness..." –President George Washington

☞ Presenter: _____

- ***“We are too ready to retaliate, rather than forgive, or gain by love and information. And yet we could hurt no man that we believe loves us. Let us then try what love will do: For if men did once see we love them, we should soon find they would not harm us.” –William Penn***

☞ Presenter: _____

- **“We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation, without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the Republic. Where we have been the truest and most consistent in obeying its precepts, we have attained the greatest measure of contentment and prosperity.” –President Franklin Delano Roosevelt**

☞ Presenter: _____

- **"Sometimes it seems we've strayed from our convictions that standards of right and wrong do exist and must be lived up to. God, the source of our knowledge, has been expelled from the classroom. He gives us His greatest blessing, life, and yet many would condone the taking of innocent life. We expect Him to protect us in crises, but turn away from Him too often in our day-to-day living. I wonder if He isn't waiting for us to wake up." –President Ronald Reagan**

- **Song: “God of Our Fathers” by Daniel C. Roberts (1876)**

☞ Presenter(s): _____ (Audience Participation)

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast,
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

■ **Scripture and Prayer: *Isaiah 62:10–12*; *2 Kings 2:19–22***

☞ Presenter: _____

2 Kings 2:19–22 (NIV)

19 The people of the city said to Elisha, “Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive.”

20 “Bring me a new bowl,” he said, “and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. 21 Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, “This is what the Lord says: ‘I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.’”

22 And the water has remained pure to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken.

Isaiah 62:10–12 (NIV)

10 Pass through, pass through the gates!

Prepare the way for the people.

Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones.

Raise a banner for the nations.

11 The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth:

“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your Savior comes!

See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.”

12 They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord;

and you will be called Sought After,

the City No Longer Deserted.

Fervent prayers and tears have always preceded the outpouring of the spirit and a Christ-awakening in any generation. As Lee Grady, former editor of Charisma magazine reminds us, “The fallow ground must be broken before the harvest can come. The alabaster box must be broken before the fragrance of Christ can be released. We must know true brokenness!”

It is time, as a nation, to awaken to our need for God’s intervention and healing. As citizens of this great nation, state, and county, **please join me in a prayer for the soul and well-being of this land.**

O God, we have been reminded of the shortcomings and sins as Your people and as a nation; we have confessed our sins and have sought Your mercy; we have listened to the words of great national leaders, reminding us of the importance of seeking Your aid, living according to Your Word, and obeying its precepts. Now, O God, we ask for a new realization of our need of You and Your help. May Your divine presence sweep across [name of county], across the State of [name of state], and across the United States of America.

We have experienced great brokenness and cry out for a time of healing and restoration to come to your people. For those who have experienced the brokenness of lost loved ones on 9/11 or in the ongoing wars and aftermath, we cry out for God’s comfort, peace and healing in their hearts and lives.

For those who struggle with unforgiveness and hatred birthed against any people group or individuals, we cry out for a release of forgiveness and compassion in their spirits. We decree and declare today will be a turning point for reconciliation!

For anyone bombarded with despair and hopelessness, we cry out for a renewed faith and undying hope in the power of God to redeem and restore.

For our first responders, military personnel, and government officials, we cry out for divine protection, wisdom, and guidance in all they do. May Christ once again be exalted as Savior, Healer, Defender, and Law Giver.

For our marketplace, education, healthcare, benevolence, counseling and ministry professionals, we cry out for provision and blessing that comes from walking in integrity and favor with You, Lord.

For the younger generation embracing the mantle of prayer, righteous living, and pursuit of love and unity, we cry out for purity and holy boldness to courageously stand the tests that may come their way with power and victory. Where other generations have dropped the baton, may they grasp it with all their might and go forth with the Son of righteousness as their leader!

We pray that a powerful awakening will happen in our hearts and minds as we consider our need of Your direction and wisdom in every arena of our nation.

May a hunger for You and Your righteousness be awakened in our hearts. May we as a nation humbly align our lives according to Your Word and will. May we, Your people, exercise our political freedom at the polls and be careful to pray for all our elected officials, keeping them before You constantly. In so doing, may we, as one nation under God, continue to be a bastion of freedom, peace, hope, and blessing to all who call this dear land home, and to all the world.

We pray for a Christ awakening that would dispel the darkness of [concerns impacting the county]. We pray for those caught in economic hardship due to our struggling national economy. We thank You that we can trust in Your great mercy and grace to help us through these challenges. May we learn to look to You always and not only within ourselves for the wisdom and strength to move forward with Your blessing, as a county, as a nation, and as Your Church. Amen.

CELEBRATING GENERATIONAL HOPE

■ Scripture and Prayer: Isaiah 54:10, 13–17; 2 Timothy 1:3–7

☞ Presenter: _____

Isaiah 54:10, 13–17 (NIV)

¹⁰ *Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*

¹³ *All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.*

¹⁴ *In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear.*

Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

¹⁵ *If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you.*

¹⁶ *“See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to wreak havoc;*

¹⁷ *no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the Lord.*

2 Timothy 1:3-7 (NIV)

³ *I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am*

reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Jesus' entire mission on earth is summed up in a single statement in Luke 19:10, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (NIV). He commissioned His Church: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15, NIV). His reason was straightforward: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (verse 16).

Helping people find Christ as Lord and Savior is the ultimate goal of a Christ awakening in our culture. As the hearts of citizens are turned to Christ, the plague of sin perpetuated by unrighteousness will be reversed. Standards of holy living will permeate our culture, affecting change for right and righteousness at all levels of society. Hope will be revived for the coming generations. To those ends we pray.

CONCLUDING SONGS/REMARKS/BENEDICTION

■ Song, "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin (1918)

☞ Presenter(s): _____ (Audience Participation)

**God bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.**

God bless America, my home...sweet...home!

■ Concluding Remarks

☞ Presenter: _____

Where do we go from here? We continue praying God will open doors of opportunity to share the message of Christ. This is the time to cry out in prayer and in witness. I encourage you as believers to dispense with your normal routine and shift into extraordinary prayer. We must weep for our national sins and for the church's faithlessness. We must hope and keep crying out until God sends a tsunami of His power and grace to save us.

We thank everyone who has participated today. We believe that you are leaving with a renewed sense of urgency to pray for our nation, but also with a hope and anticipation that God is going to intervene and bring revival in our generation.

■ **Benediction**

☞ **Presenter:** _____

O God, we thank You for this day and for this occasion to gather as the Body of Christ to pray for our nation and the Church. May the concluding moments of this gathering signal the beginning of our renewed commitment as followers of Jesus Christ and citizens of this great county, state, and nation to be carriers of Your presence and influence the culture around us for good and righteousness. May our hearts be encouraged! May we receive all the blessings that come from the full assurance of understanding, a true knowledge of the glorious mystery—Christ in us the hope of glory!” (Colossians 1:27). We thank You for the enablement You provide to be Your representatives to the world around us. Amen.

Thank you for coming today. God bless you, and God bless America!



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