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A Prayer of Repentance for Houston and the United States

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 10:6-16, Psalm 51

Reflections of the Heart:

The true calling of an intercessor is to cry out on behalf of those who cannot cry out for themselves. As intercessors for the city of Houston, let us raise our voices and cry out on behalf of our city, state and the nation. The effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous avail much!

Scriptural Prayer:

Father, our hearts rejoice in You; our strength is exalted in You. We can smile at our enemies because we rejoice in Your salvation. No one is holy like You, Father. There is none besides You, nor is there any rock like You, our God. Lord, we praise You with our whole hearts. In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation, we will praise You. Your works are honorable and glorious and Your righteousness endures forever. The works of Your hands are truth and justice. Thank You, Father, for the gift of forgiveness and repentance. Thank You for saving us and giving us eternal life. Thank You for thinking thoughts of peace towards us. Thank You for designing a future for us that is full of hope and not evil.

Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus, so that we may have abundant life. It has always been Your intention to be our Father, our Savior, our Lord, and our Friend. We were created because You wanted companionship. You want all to be well with us. You have always wanted us to succeed and enjoy our lives on earth with You. It was for Your good pleasure that You gave us Your Kingdom and all of its blessings. Most of all, You want us to love You and be in relationship with You. As for me, I love You and I

confess that Jesus is Lord of my life. I do believe in my heart that You raised Jesus from the dead. I renounce satan, and all of his works and influences. I am a new creation in Christ Jesus and the old things have passed away from me; and now all things have become brand new. We confess that as a city and a nation we have sinned against You and done wrong. We have rebelled against You and scorned Your commands and regulations. We come crying out with repentant hearts on behalf of the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area, the state of Texas and the United States. We are Your people who are called by Your Name, we come humbling ourselves, praying, seeking Your face and turning from our wicked ways. As we do this, we trust that You will hear from heaven, forgive the sins of city, state and nation and restore our land.

Holy Spirit, show me what specific area You would have me to repent for on behalf of the city of Houston:

Today, we ask that You hear our prayers as we repent and seek Your forgiveness. Holy Spirit, make our hearts more sensitive to You and Your Word. Father, please forgive our sins and cleanse us of our unrighteousness. As for me, Lord, show me those things in my life that are not pleasing to You. Father, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Father, help me to face those things within me that are not pleasing to You and send people who can help me in the areas of my life that are lacking.

Father, forgive us for not trusting Your Word and implementing Your principles into our daily lives. Forgive us for not loving our neighbors or ourselves. Lord, please forgive us for not being fair and just. Forgive us for not looking out for the widow and the fatherless. Forgive us for worshipping other gods and religions. Forgive those of us for not paying our tithes and offerings. Please forgive us for stubbornness, rebellion, idolatry, sexual immorality, lying, stealing, backbiting, gossiping, slander, witchcraft, sorcery, drunkenness, jealousy, selfish ambitions, lewdness, uncleanness, dissensions, heresies, and fighting. Forgive us for pride and arrogance, devising wicked plans, and creating discord with other people. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive; and we will be quick to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say "I forgive name of person(s)."*** Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Holy Spirit, help us all not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, You are great. You are above all gods. In heaven and the earth, in the seas and in all deep places, You do whatever pleases You. Your way is perfect and Your word is proven. You are a shield to all who trust in You. Who is the King of glory? You are the King of glory and the Lord of hosts. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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