
THE PASTOR'S STUDY

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Dear Church,

Isn't it amazing that our country is in the shape it is in? Just a few years ago, we would have never seen such hatred, such vomitus speech coming from the mouths of the leaders of our country. One might expect this type of language from immature youngsters trying to find themselves, but not from a political party. Just a few years ago, it would not have been wrong to speak out against sin. Today, homosexuality and sexual immorality is at it's all time high in our country and there are laws now, protecting these in sin from hearing the truth of God's Word. Our legal system call speaking out against sin as "hate-speech" and is punishable by law. Just a few years ago, boys and girls knew the difference between boys and girls. Now, there is confusion in the camp. Just last year, the President of the United States wrote into law to have a separate bathroom for those children, elementary children, who couldn't decide if they were boys or girls. I saw the letter from the government mandated our public school comply. Thank God, we didn't. Just extra costs alone would have been very prohibitive to our already strained budget. Thank God, again, that a new President was elected and these "laws" were overturned.

If "normal", ok, let me fix that before we go to jail—If Christian people choose not to participate in a Gay Pride Parade, they are booed and jeered and lambasted for their beliefs. Just recently this is exactly what happened to our United States ambassador to the U.N. and her son.

I'm not sure that there is an organization to Pray for our President. There was one during the younger Bush Presidency and I believe there was one in place during the Obama Presidency, I have yet to see if there is one for our new President Trump's Presidency. So, until we find out for sure, what would be wrong in praying for our current President. This man, whether you like him or not, is our elected president and he has done everything that he has promised to do during his campaign. He, above all else, deserves our prayers. We need to support him in our prayers and pray daily for decisions and meetings he is involved in. Don't stop there—pray for his cabinet, his advisors, all those in place to help him make decisions for our country's well-being.

I don't understand how those who oppose him want his death. We have all witnessed those celebrities who have wanted the White House bombed, have held up a "mock" severed head of our President, have made references to assassinate the President by an actor—like John Wilkes Booth did to President Lincoln, have a Shakespeare play depicting President Trump's murder. Really, all of this and nobody has committed violence as one who follows this hateful rhetoric? Wait! Forgot—Someone did shoot congressmen, lobbyists, police officers, just because they were affiliated with the same Party as our President. The shooter died for his beliefs, as twisted as they were. What will stop the next shooter? What will protect our President, congressmen and women? What can "cool-down" the hateful speech that is ever present in our country today? One and only one thing—Prayer!

Church, I am not just speaking my mind on these issues without any knowledge at all. I have been personally attacked from those with leftist, hateful views. I was exercising my right to speak out on a political move and I was lambasted unmercifully for several days. One specific person on the left, through hateful language spoke out against our church, our beliefs, and even called me a wife-beater and molester of grandchildren. They received that information from my Twitter profile and Eternal Harvest Church's website. Nothing but hate and it was

amazing to me how others climbed on board against us. Like I said, ignoring every temptation to counter, I kept cool, collected, and prayerful, and this eventually subsided a couple of days later.

So, church, please be careful out there. The world hates you. Jesus said that, didn't He? If the world hated Him, they are certainly going to hate us. So, if we keep the devil stirred up, we know we are on the right path. He also said to pray for our leaders. Please, don't let a day go by that you don't pray for our leaders, our good leaders, our bad leaders, and our mean leaders. I believe Jesus even said He wanted us to pray for our enemies.

Prayer is the answer! The only answer!

In His Service,

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