

## THE PRAYER THAT CHANGED AMERICA

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*‘Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our Country.’*

This was the prayer that changed America in 1962 and 1963. This was the official prayer recited in NY public schools and was known as The Regents Prayer. Those students who did not choose to recite it could remain silent or even leave the room. This prayer is a very general prayer which does not promote any particular religion, but it does give one a sense of respect for God as the one we need to depend upon and it also shows honor by students for their parents, teachers and country. It is a very generic prayer which should be acceptable for any reasonable person. However, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 8 to 1 to remove prayer and mandatory Bible reading from public schools. That court decision was precipitated by one lady,

Madalyn Murray O’Hair was an avowed Marxist and atheist. She had previously tried to become a citizen of the Communist Soviet Union, but they rejected her so she returned to America. One day she was walking through a public school in Baltimore with her son Bill and they heard the students in one class reciting The Lord’s Prayer. At that moment she resolved to remove prayer and God from public schools. It was common practice for students to hear the Bible being read and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance each morning. (I remember those practices when I was in elementary school. My fourth grade teacher Mrs. Carlson would often read to our class from the book of Psalms after we had our lunch.)

Since prayer, Bible reading and the Pledge of Allegiance were removed from public schools, there has been a steady decline in so many areas of society. It should be no surprise to those who know God and the history of Israel and others in the Bible. When people turn away from God, they step out from divine protection and open the door for dark spiritual forces. Idolatry leads to immorality and then to outright perversion. Read Romans 1:18-32 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-11

IDOLATRY.....IMMORALITY.....INDECENCY

I finished and sent out our last message on August 15. Just as I was nearly done writing it, a special interview came on my internet (see below). As I watched it, I was struck by the similarity of the topics and insights. God has given Jonathan Cahn amazing wisdom and discernment. I encourage you to watch it and you may be amazed at how current events parallel certain months and days that were observed in Bible times by the pagan religions. It would be great if prayer and Bible reading would return to our schools and also the subject of reverential awe of God.

*Come, my children, listen to me and I will teach you the **fear of the Lord.** Psalm 34:11*

The prayer below would be a good start for all students and citizens.

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