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God Bless America

The song "God Bless America" was written by Irving Berlin in 1918 but was not released until 1938 when the famous radio star Kate Smith asked Berlin for a special patriotic song to perform on her Armistice Day broadcast. The song is simple, just a few lines of a prayer for the Lord to bless and guide our nation.

God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her

Through the night with the light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies,

To the oceans white with foam,

God bless America, my home sweet home.

What must America do in order to assure God's blessing? According to the Scriptures, here is what God desires from our nation:

- God desires that our nation turns from its evil ways. (Jeremiah 18:8)
- God accepts our nation if we fear Him, working righteousness. (Acts 10:35)
- God desires that our nation worship and glorify Him. (Psalm 86:9)
- God wants us to make new disciples in our nation. (Matthew 28:19)
- God wants our nation to recognize His authority. (Romans 13:1)
- God wants our nation to sing for joy because He will govern us. (Psalm 67:4)
- God wants all Americans who believe in Jesus to be as one. (John 17:2—21)

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. (Psalm 33:12)

—Jay Launius

The Blessing of Children

Once upon a time there was a mom and dad who had two children, ages two and five. Those children were a handful! They got up early and stayed up late. They loved to jump on their beds and on the couch. They fussed a lot when they didn't get their way. And they couldn't remember to obey what they were told from one moment to the next. At night you could find mom and dad, exhausted and in a daze, sitting on the couch. "Our kids are wearing us out!" they would say.

One day the family went to Pizza Hut for lunch. As the mother went back and forth to the food bar, fixing one plate and then another, the father watched the kids and tried to keep them in their seats. When mom went to get their drinks, she noticed that her kids had captured the attention of a man sitting at a corner table. As the mother passed the table, the man politely asked, "How old is your daughter?" "She's two," replied the dazzled mother. "And she sure is a handful! She keeps me running! There's never a dull or quiet moment with her around." The man only smiled.

Finally, after the children were situated, the mother went back to get her own plate (Dad always insisted on being last). She bumped into the same man again, the one from the corner table. "When is your daughter's birthday?" he asked. With a questioning look, the mother replied, "March 26" (for men don't usually pay attention to such details about a stranger's children). "I had a little girl," the man went on. "She was born April 26th, and would be about the age of your little girl. We lost her to cancer. I always notice little girls this age, and wonder what it would be like..."

By now the mother's eyes had filled with tears. She remembered how she had complained about the stresses of having a two-year old. Now the trials didn't seem so bad, compared to the blessings. When she got back to the table, she told her husband what happened. They both looked down at their plates. Food seemed so unimportant, as they realized the seriousness of their mistake. Kissing their two lively kids, they made a silent promise to themselves and to God: "We will not let the frustrations outweigh the joys: we will count our children as a blessing every day." They remembered what God had said:

"Children are a heritage of the Lord...Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them" (Psa. 127:3), and "Do all things without murmurings or complaining" (Phil. 2:14). —Mike Vestal

Small Light, Big Difference

Jesus calls His followers to be light in the world. Matthew 5:14-16 encourages believers to let their light shine so others may see God's goodness. A small light can make a big difference in darkness. Simple acts of kindness, honesty, and love can point others to Christ. We do not shine for our own recognition, but so God may be glorified. A faithful life quietly testifies to the hope found in Jesus. Let your light shine, Christian!

Trust is a Must

When the world goes bust

Trust is a must

When dreams become dust

Trust is a must

When plans combust

Trust is a must

When conditions are unjust

Trust is a must

When people disgust

Trust is a must

When you need to adjust

Trust is a must

Here is the thrust:

We just must trust—*Edd Sterchi*



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Ain't That the Truth

A teacher asked her class, "If I had six oranges in one hand and seven apples in the other, what would I have?" One student answered, "Very large hands."

Great Organization

I tried to get organized this year, so I bought a planner. Now I can carefully write down all the things I'm going to procrastinate on later.

Listen Closely, Now

My wife said I never listen to her... or something like that.

QUOTES & SAYINGS

"The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation." — Dwight L. Moody

"There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still." — Corrie ten Boom

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." — Francis of Assisi

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." — A. W. Tozer

BIBLE Quiz



Bible Quiz: Matthew 26:47-56

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. Judas arrived with a great multitude carrying swords and ____.
2. The betrayer gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the ____."
3. True or False: One of Jesus' disciples cut off the servant's ear with a sword.
4. Jesus said, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the ____."
5. Then all the disciples forsook Him and ____.



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Slipped discs in back & UTI.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Multiple health concerns.

Randy Gauldin. Recent surgery.

Gary Hollandsworth. Recovering from surgery.

Jan Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Clayton Hylton. Prostate Cancer.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recent surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Terry Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Treatment for colon cancer.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Kevin Wyatt. Health concerns.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



July Birthdays!

1ST	JAY MARTIN
2ND	KITTY SHUMATE
20TH	VELVET WYATT
21ST	DAVE ROBERTSON
25TH	SAMMIE BEAVERS



Men's Breakfast!

Men's Breakfast will be on July 25th! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Potluck Lunch!

We will be hosting a Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, July 26th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



Pizza/Movie Night!

Our next Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, August 1st! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.



Upcoming Events:

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BIBLE Quiz

Solution

Gethsemane; death; temptation; False; weak



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