



PRAYING FOR LEADERS OF NATIONS—FIRST OF ALL

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DAY 1 – PRAYING FOR LEADERS OF NATIONS FIRST OF ALL

The Lord has challenged Billye Brim to get people to pray for President Trump and our leaders through the *First of All* campaign, which is based on 1 Timothy 2:1-3. It's the responsibility of the Church to pray "first of all" and to speak the truth, so that when the millennium age comes, our nation will continue to have favor with God.

STUDY IT

- I. The Lord has challenged Billye Brim to get people to pray "first of all" for our leaders based on 1 Timothy 2:1-3.
 - For several years, Billye Brim's ministry has encouraged many people to pray together for a great awakening.
 - Billye asked Kenneth Copeland to pray for the pray-ers on the National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2011.
 - He prayed: "My prayer is for God to give us His wisdom—to give us His strength, that this nation finish its course; not cut short by sin, by government, or by any move of the devil. That we as Christian people cast off the sin that so easily besets us, finish the race and fulfill our destiny."
 - Billye Brim has a new prayer initiative called, the *First of All* campaign.
 - It is God's will for us to pray for governmental leaders in obedience to His Word.
 - The prayer campaign is based on Paul's direction to Timothy to "first of all" pray for all men in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-3).
 - When Paul wrote this command to Timothy, it was a difficult time for Christians. The Roman Empire was trying to destroy everyone who believed in Jesus.
 - The purpose of the *First of All* campaign is to obey the Word of God and to be a committed person to pray for this nation, its leaders and our spiritual leaders.
 - We need to pray for our leaders whether we voted for the people in office, approve of them, or not.
- II. Now that Trump has been elected, it's the responsibility of the Church to pray for him.
 - God prepared Donald Trump to lead as the president of the United States.
 - God let Billye Brim know ahead of time that Donald Trump was going to be elected president.





- Billye Brim began to see how God prepared Trump for the responsibilities of leading the country to be a nation with Christian morals and values.
 - First, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland were invited to come with other ministers to pray for and listen to Donald Trump. Brother Kenneth prayed for Trump. There is a video of the prayer that you can watch on YouTube called "Copeland Prays for Trump." During this prayer, the prophet's anointing was on Brother Copeland.
 - Next, Billye Brim went to a meeting of about 1,000 ministers to hear Trump speak and to pray for him.
- At the meeting everyone was unified in prayer for this nation, and their desire for God to bless and to protect Israel.

III. To prepare for the millennium, the next age in God's timetable, believers have been assigned to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

- The millennium is the 1,000-year reign of Jesus on the Earth.
- In preparation for this next age, believers have been assigned to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ.
 - We are uniquely qualified to represent Christ in the Earth, because we have been born from above; we are citizens of heaven; and we are in this world, but we are not of this world (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- Israel and other nations are going to be on the Earth during the millennium.
- There will be two groups of nations—the sheep nations and the goat nations (Matthew 25:32-46).
 - The criteria of the judgments of the nations is how each nation treated Israel.
- The most crucial issue in our government is: Will this nation and its new president bless Israel?

Additional scriptures: Acts 17:16, 22-26, *AMPC*; Genesis 2:1-3; 2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 20:4; John 17:16

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write what it means to you to be an ambassador of Jesus Christ.



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DAY 2 - ANSWERING THE CALL TO PRAY FIRST OF ALL

Billye Brim invites you to join the *First of All* prayer campaign by committing to pray for our government leaders. Through a vision, God showed that: Donald Trump was prepared to be president; the current presidential term would require the prayers of the Church like never before; and the USA, Israel and Jerusalem will be blessed.

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- I. Billye Brim invites you to join the *First of All* prayer campaign committing to pray for our government leaders.
 - We have a God-given power—the power of prayer.
 - God gave Billye Brim a campaign to pray “first of all” for the leaders of our country.
 - For God to do something, the Church has to pray. You are invited to be part of the “*First of All* campaign.”
 - If you want to commit to pray “First of All,” call 1-800-972-3447, or log in to billyebrim.org and follow the prompts.
 - Billye Brim found out that Donald J. Trump would be president of the United States through a vision God gave to a Muslim man named Max.
 - Through subsequent visions and direction from God, Billye Brim knew she was to organize people to pray for our leaders in obedience to God’s Word (1 Timothy 2:1-3).
 - In August 2017, Billye and a group of pray-ers will gather in Washington, D.C., and give Vice President Pence a report of how many people are praying daily for the president, vice president and our government.
 - This *First of All* campaign is a blessing for the nation and for you who pray.

- II. Through a vision, God showed that: Donald Trump was prepared to be president; the current presidential term would require the prayers of the Church like never before; and the USA, Israel and Jerusalem will be blessed.
 - God speaks in visions about current events.
 - Max came to know Jesus through a vision in which he had a conversation with Jesus.
 - He knew the visions were from God, because Jesus called Max by his name. Allah only calls a man a slave—not by his name.



- Jesus showed Max three things:
 1. God has prepared Donald Trump to be president.
 2. This presidential term will require prayers of the Church as never before.
 3. Trump's presidency means blessings for the USA, for Israel and for Jerusalem.
- Jesus has continued to appear to Max in open visions, giving him information about Israel and how world events affect God's people.
- You, too, can have spiritual visions, but you must know how to discern visions from the Lord and those sent by the enemy.
 - When you have a vision, you must verify that God is talking. Get two or three witnesses from the Word of God (scriptures) that whatever is said is from God.
 - Don't be deceived. Satan can disguise himself as a handsome man or an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).
 - Judge the vision and judge the spirit.
 - In a vision from God, the speaker will be able to answer, "Jesus has come in the flesh." Spirits that are not from God cannot make that statement (1 John 4:1-3).

Additional scriptures: Joel 2:28; Acts 2:15-18; Ephesians 5:19

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Will you answer the call to pray? Prayerfully consider committing to Billye Brim's *First of All* campaign. Write the names and/or titles of government leaders you will pray for.





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DAY 3 – THE POWER BEHIND PAST GREAT AWAKENINGS

Billye Brim has been anointed and appointed by God to mobilize pray-ers as a catalyst to an awakening. There is a difference between an awakening and a revival. In the 1800s an awakening began on Lewis Island where Donald Trump's mother was raised.

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- I. Billye Brim has been anointed and appointed by God to mobilize pray-ers to pray for our president and government.
 - The *First of All* prayer campaign is based on God's directive to pray for the leaders and people in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-3).
 - God told Billye Brim that He prepared Donald Trump to be president, and that he needs prayer.
 - The Lord has known us and everything about us since before we were in the womb (Jeremiah 1:5).
- II. There is a difference between an awakening and a revival.
 - An awakening alters the worldview of a whole people or culture. It affects the whole society.
 - A revival alters the lives of individuals. It is a visitation of God's Spirit on His people, and both Christian and non-Christian communities are affected.
 - A major revival started in Ireland in 1859 that changed the course of several nations.
 - The spirit of prayer gave birth to many revivals.
- III. In the 1800s, an awakening began on Lewis Island.
 - Lewis Island, part of the Hebrides chain of islands north of Scotland, is very isolated because of its location and severe weather conditions.
 - In 1829, John McCloud came from Scotland to preach Jesus on Lewis Island. His preaching was very effective. He taught the people to read the Bible and seek God. The people responded, put Bible study in the schools, and taught it as a textbook.
 - This revival and awakening continued off and on until another strong revival erupted from 1949 to 1952.





- The whole community honored the Word of God and respected God's ways. They were educated in the ways of God and tried to live in a way pleasing to God. They acknowledged and accepted spiritual things.
- There was no crime to speak of. Theft was unheard of. The knowledge of the Word of God and the open attitude to the things of God throughout the island formed a basic foundation for the Holy Spirit to operate in unusual power.

IV. Donald Trump's mother, Mary McCloud, was from Lewis Island, and she taught President Trump the Bible.

- Mary McCloud was raised in this isolated place where the people focused their lives on the Word of God. When she came to America, she married Mr. Trump. As a child she read Bible stories to her son Donald and trained him in God's Word.
- At the time Kenneth Copeland prayed for Donald Trump, Mr. Trump's hand was on the Bible his mother gave him when he graduated from Presbyterian Sunday school. He also used it, along with Lincoln's Bible, at his presidential inauguration.
- God prepared Donald Trump to be president for the glory of God.

Additional scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Ecclesiastes 11:5

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Every spiritual awakening begins with prayer.

Pray this prayer with us:

Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your love and protection over our nation. Now, Father, I ask You to awaken those who are asleep, and demonstrate Your mighty power, so that all will know and turn to You. Use me, Lord, in this awakening. I pray in Jesus' Name! Amen.



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DAY 4 – PRAYING FIRST OF ALL IGNITES HOLY SPIRIT POWER

We have an assignment to prepare, through prayer, for an awakening to God. The United States was born during a Great Awakening, which was preceded by prayer. God wants to bring another awakening, but we must pray first of all, and like never before, to usher in the power of the Holy Spirit to move on our great land!

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- I. We have an assignment to prepare, through prayer, for an awakening to God.
 - There have been great men and women who prayed with such accuracy that the actual events were later reported on the news.
 - Early day Pentecostal believers were persecuted, but they continued to pray intensely.
 - Billye Brim's ministry is located at Prayer Mountain, outside of Branson, Mo., where she executes her assignment to help the pray-ers.
 - In 1995, Billye had a vision of a prayer place in Branson that was yet to come.
 - Now, she has the prayer place, complete with individual prayer cabins on the property, and a place for corporate prayer in the chapel.
 - There are two reasons to have a place of prayer: 1. to pray in the plans of God; 2. to stop the strategies of the enemy.
 - Her assignment from God is to help the pray-ers.
 - She reaches the world via live streaming from Prayer Mountain.
 - Live-streamed prayer is held every Sunday at 3 p.m. and every Wednesday at noon, Central Time. They call themselves the "World Wide Pray-ers."

- II. The United States of America was born during a Great Awakening, which was preceded by prayer. God wants to bring another awakening, but we must pray first of all, and like never before, to usher in Holy Spirit power.
 - In June, 2008 while in a corporate prayer meeting praying about the upcoming election, it seemed a cloak fell on Billye Brim, and God gave her a word to announce.
 - "One thing will save America, and it is not the election. It is an awakening to God. One thing will avail for Israel and the nations; it is an awakening to God."



- The best person in the world could be elected president, and it would do no good if the people of the nation do not awaken to God.
- There's an important line in the fourth verse of our national anthem.
 "Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
 Between their loved home and the war's desolation.
 Blessed with victory and peace may the heaven-rescued land.
 Praise the power that has made and preserved us a nation.
**Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
 And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."**
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave,
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."
- Our nation was established during a Great Awakening. Our nation was preserved before the Civil War with a Great Awakening. Now, God wants another awakening, and we are in the beginning, at the doorstep, of it.
 - Join the "First of All campaign."

Additional scriptures: 1 Corinthians 14:28-32; 1 Timothy 2:1-3

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God wants to ignite Holy Spirit power in your life. Write a prayer of willingness to be used in prayer toward an awakening to the Lord Jesus Christ.



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DAY 5 – PRAYING FIRST OF ALL IS THE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Praying for a nation is the foundation of all awakenings. The Puritans made their way to the New World after being persecuted for seeking to live according to what the Bible says. The Puritans began everything they did with seeking God in prayer, and they, more than any other group, laid America's foundation as a Christian nation.

STUDY IT

- I. Praying for a nation is the foundation of all awakenings.
 - Billye Brim's prayer: "Heavenly Father, we ask You to help us reach the destiny You intended when You established this nation, as evidenced in Your hand upon the Puritans, the Pilgrims, the preachers of the Great Awakening—our Founding Fathers, and in the multitude of ways You have preserved us until this hour. And, we humbly ask You for the only thing that will save us: an awakening to God."
 - The U.S. has a destiny, and it's written in the Bible (Acts 17:16, 22-26, *AMPC*).
 - God wanted all men to know Him—Jews and pagans alike. He instructed Paul to introduce Him to those who had never heard of Him.
 - God has appointed the times and boundaries for all nations, including the U.S.
- II. The Puritans made their way to the New World after being persecuted for seeking to live according to what the Bible says and by not conforming to man-made rules.
 - Jesus and His disciples worshipped according to the simplicity of the New Testament. As time went on, things became more complicated.
 - Constantine decided that Christianity would become the official religion of the Roman Empire.
 - He organized the Nicene Council which made rules concerning what to believe and how to administer this religion.
 - The leaders couldn't agree on everything, and to add to the conflict there were protestors who didn't agree with the direction.
 - The priests decided to lock up the Bible and not allow anyone to read it. Only the priests could read, and they were to tell people what it meant.
 - This ushered in the Dark Ages when there was great persecution and lack of knowledge in every area of life.



- The Dark Ages ended as light opened up, beginning with the printing press. Mass printing allowed each person to have and read his own Bible and not depend on the priests for interpretation.
- Some people in England read the Bible and saw that what was written didn't match the religion that was being practiced. They wanted to "purify" the Church of England and so were called Puritans.
 - The Puritans were persecuted for their lack of conformity. They moved to Holland for safety, but their young people were being corrupted. So, they decided to go to the New World to establish their way of worship.

III. The Puritans began everything they did with prayer.

- The Puritan leader, William Bradford, called for a day of prayer and fasting before they left Holland, and when they arrived in the new land, they prayed a prayer of thanksgiving.
- They went through many hardships, yet God sustained them.
- Then a drought came. The plants were dying. They humbled themselves and prayed a prayer of repentance. By the end of the day of prayer, the sky was cloudy, and by the next morning, it was raining a gentle rain that continued for 14 days. Crops were restored, and their neighbors, the Indians, were astonished at the power of prayer to Almighty God.

IV. The Puritans, more than any other group, laid America's foundation as a Christian nation.

- The Puritans looked to God for the guidelines for self-government. This was a new system—since every other nation had a king.
- The Bible provided the direction for the Puritans to establish a government with three branches (executive, legislative and judicial), and other foundations to achieve a fair and equitable government.
- Billye Brim is praying, and leading others to pray, that the spirit of prayer would fall upon us, that we could once again experience a great outpouring of blessing and of God's Spirit upon us as a nation.

Additional scriptures: Genesis 2:1-3; 2 Peter 3:8

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Partner, take time to allow God to put within your heart a spirit of prayer for your nation. Please let us know about your commitment to pray, "first of all." [Click here to share your experiences](#), or [contact us on Facebook](#).

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