



## How Should really We Pray for America?

"Dear God: Help everybody on the really hard math test. I like you, God, and in Jesus name I pray."

This prayer was presented by Mallory, 8, but it represents a sense of helplessness for all that are math challenged.

Garrett, 10, reminds me of several prayers I've offered in the course of and soon after the hurricane season of 2005, which was probably the most active Atlantic hurricane season in recorded history: "Please help [Non denominational churches in Colorado Springs](#) to not be torn up by floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and other factors. Please, Lord. Amen."

Would God answer a climate prayer? No less than one American common believed so. In December of 1944, for the duration of one of Europe's coldest winters on record, the German army launched a major offensive campaign that became generally known as the Battle from the Bulge. General George S. Patton did not like the negative climate that prevented Allied planes from supplying air cover for his troops. He ordered the following prayer to be distributed amongst his troops:

"Almighty and most merciful God, we humbly beseech thee, of thy fantastic goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we've got had to contend. Grant us fair weather for battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon thee that, armed with thy energy, we may well advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish thy justice among males and nations. Amen."

The murky weather broke. Allied air power helped defeat the last key German offensive of your war.

An additional basic named Joshua prayed that the sun would stand still. The Lord answered his prayer, and Joshua defeated the Amorites (Joshua 10:12-14).



Taylor, 9, remembers our troops when he prays: "I pray for American soldiers to fight bravely for our country. They are going to win for justice, and if they die, we will recall their bravery. We will not neglect how much they loved us sufficient to defend us with all their hearts."

Mallory, 9, reminds us of our history with all the following prayer of thanks: "Dear God: Thank you for telling George Washington that he could win the war for us to have freedom."

It's important to wonder whether the British flag may possibly nevertheless wave over America if George Washington had not persevered. Handful of military experts gave Washington's tiny, ill-equipped army any opportunity at all against the world's most highly effective military. The founder of our nation was a man who called upon God by maintaining a prayer journal. Right here is often a partial quote from it:

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"Increase my faith in the sweet promises of your gospel; give me repentance from dead works; pardon my wanderings, and direct my thoughts unto thyself, the God of my salvation; teach me how to live in thy worry, labor in thy service, and ever to run in the strategies of thy commandments; make me usually watchful more than my heart, that neither the terrors of conscience, the loathing of holy duties, the love of sin, nor an unwillingness to depart this life, could cast me into a spiritual slumber, but each day frame me an increasing number of into the likeness of thy son Jesus Christ. ... "

This column ends with a prayer of thanksgiving from Steven, 9, for the greatest sacrifice ever made: "Dear God: Thank you for sending your one and only son to die for our sins so we do not must endure by means of what he went via."