**A Prayer of Daniel**

***Paraphrased to Use as a Guide to Pray for America***

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[**Daniel 9:4-19**](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.4-19&t=NKJV)**:**

[Daniel 9:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.4&t=NKJV) Alas, O Lord, great and awesome God, You who keep covenant and loving kindness for those who love You and keep Your commandments,

[Daniel 9:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.5&t=NKJV) We, (I and my nation) have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.

[Daniel 9:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.6&t=NKJV) Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants, our pastors, teachers, spiritual guides, and godly leaders who speak in Your Name to our presidents, leaders, and to all the people of the land.

[Daniel 9:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.7&t=NKJV) Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us, open shame, as it is this day, to all the inhabitants of America, its cities and towns, because of unfaithful deeds we have committed against You.

[Daniel 9:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.8&t=NKJV) Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our lawmakers, our leaders in government, our fathers, and to us, because we have sinned against You.

[Daniel 9:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.9&t=NKJV) To You, O Lord our God, belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against You.

[Daniel 9:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.10&t=NKJV) Nor have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His teachings which He has set before us in the pastors, prophets, and teachers He has raised up.

[Daniel 9:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.11&t=NKJV) Indeed all America has transgressed Your Law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice, so that the chastening of the Lord and many curses have been poured out upon us.

[Daniel 9:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.12&t=NKJV) Thus, You have done what You said You would do and confirmed it, for we have been visited by plagues (cancer, viruses, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases), by fires and floods, earthquakes, drought, hurricanes, tornadoes, and many forms of extreme weather disturbances. Racial tensions are rising. Officers of the law are disrespected. Our homes are full of strife; murder is commonplace. Our teenagers die on drugs and alcohol. Pornography and sex trafficking are rampant. Rape, suicide, murder, partial birth abortions are daily occurrences. Our economy falters, as greed has become the chief idol among us. Our jails and prisons are over-full, and our country is full of violent crimes and broken homes. Our justice system is overturned. Our economy is faltering, for greed has become our chief idol.

[Daniel 9:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.13&t=NKJV) All this calamity has come upon us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Thy truth.

[Daniel 9:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.14&t=NKJV) Therefore the Lord has kept in store and brought calamity upon us. The Lord our God is righteous in all the deeds He has done, but we have sinned and not obeyed His voice.

[Daniel 9:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.15&t=NKJV) And now, Lord, You brought our forefathers here by a miraculous hand and established them here, and made a Name for Thyself, as it is this day—it is we who have sinned and done wickedly.

[Daniel 9:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.16&t=NKJV) O Lord, in accord with all your righteous acts, please let your anger and wrath be turned away from the nation of America, Your nation, for because of our sins and our fathers’ sins we have become a reproach to all the nations of the earth.

[Daniel 9:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.17&t=NKJV) So now, Our God, listen please, to this prayer of Your servants and to our supplications. For Thy sake, O Lord, let Your face shine upon this nation.

[Daniel 9:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.18&t=NKJV) O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open your eyes and see our desolations and the nation known as “Christian” after Your Name, for we are not presenting our supplications before You because of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion.

[Daniel 9:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+9.19&t=NKJV) O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For thine own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy Name.

We cry out to You on the basis of [2 Chronicles 7:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Chronicles+7.14&t=NKJV): “*If my people who are called by My Name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land*.”

[Ezekiel 22:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+22.30&t=NKJV): So I *sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one*.”