

Chapter 1 : Why Nigeria is a troubled nation – Dalung - Vanguard News Nigeria

A Message to a Troubled Nation In December , Great Britain was at war. The Third Reich of Nazi Germany had ruled in Germany since Hitler took over in

Subjects kneel before their queen. Slaves kneel before their master. Believers kneel before God and one day everyone else will as well Philippians 2: What do they teach in the schools these days? The answer is, of course, relativism, post-modernism, and identity politics. And that sword, as theologian and editor R. Reno points out in the October First Things , cuts both ways. Those living inside the postmodern house of cards want to assert dignity and worth of all while excluding those they dislike Everyone identifies with his or her group as over against every other group. Identity Politics Are Still Identity Politics The Christian can look at identity politics and declare it the intellectual house of cards it is, false to the very foundations. Every human is made in the image of God and has, by his or her nature, dignity and worth. Thus, even as Jesus by the incarnation was in solidarity with one and all, we are in solidarity with one and all. This is the necessary starting line for the common good, common laws, national unity and evangelization. Those living inside the postmodern house of cards want to assert dignity and worth of all while excluding those they dislike – white nationalists for example. But, alas, there is no valid reason within their framework that allows this. That may appall their left-wing professors. Professorial identity politics does not include white nationalism. Help us champion truth, freedom, limited government and human dignity. By our nature, we search for meaning. What has gone wrong with the world? What can we do to fix it? How now shall we live? Those who tout relativism and toleration most vociferously will stridently tell you that white nationalists and others should not be tolerated. Humans cannot endure the bland nothingness of no binding truth. Given time, we will either find something or make something up. And if the truth we find is not the truth of Christianity, the possibilities for evil are as plentiful as they are alarming. While the list varies vastly from left to right, there are plenty of ills we might find in common. The politics of my group v. And the justice everyone demands is reduced to what the foolish Thrasymachus told Socrates in The Republic. Nor does it matter since any way it turns out, we all lose.

Chapter 2 : Righteous Living in a Troubled Nation | The Stream

Franklin Graham has spent this year holding rallies at every state capitol, praying for the nation and its leaders and challenging Christians to be involved in the political process. With the most critical elections in decades now just days away, here are some of the key points excerpted from.

I said that a righteous person living in a doomed nation needs to love like Jesus. Love is foundational to who we are and how we conduct ourselves and love motivates us to endure when the world is against us 1 Peter 3: But upon further reflection, I realized that two principles “loving and bearing reproach” should stand together. Obviously, there are other cases where Christians are at odds with the prevailing winds of culture, but since same-sex marriage has been so prominent, we will focus on it. In recent months, we have seen traditional marriage advocates: Have their lives, property and family members threatened the owners of Memory Pizza in Indiana. Called homophobic, haters and bigots by members of the mainstream media and even by other Christians. Become a target of vicious verbal attacks by celebrities and commentators on social media. While what these Christians are enduring might seem minor in a world where our brethren in the Middle East are being beheaded by ISIS, they are not minor to the individuals involved nor would such attacks seem insignificant to us if we were the target. Thus, we need to remember them daily in our prayers and “because many of these battles are ongoing and expensive” offer financial support as we are able. We must also take courage from their examples so we are mentally prepared to follow their lead should we be targeted. Most critically, since we desire to honor God, we must bear the reproach of the world without falling into sin ourselves. We must not give in to fear, or be provoked to bitterness, hatred or revenge. Sin must not characterize our response; love must. Practicing Tough Love Instead, we must practice tough love, the love that led Jesus to tell the woman caught in adultery that she was forgiven, but that she needed to stop committing adultery John 8: Jesus told her to turn away from it because He knew that relentless, habitual sin “unrepented and unconfessed” makes fellowship with God impossible. Simply put, sin hurts both the guilty and the innocent, as we all know from our own experience; and anyone who implies otherwise is deceived. I wonder what arguments they believe will persuade God to change His mind. Tough love “whether we are on the giving end or the receiving end” is genuine love because it helps us turn away from our sinful habits so we can live pure and holy lives. It names our sin and calls us to repent. Living Right Paul said that those who desire to live godly lives will be persecuted 2 Timothy 3: We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. His love for Christ compelled him, as our love for Christ must compel us now. Let love be genuine. God tells us to live ready. He tells us not to be surprised when we are hated 1 John 3: He asks only that we keep loving, keep enduring, and keep trusting Him until the end. So perhaps for the first time in your life, you are considering the true cost of discipleship. This week, read Matthew Then pray that the growing pressure upon American Christians will lead to spiritual revival, renewal, and awakening.

Chapter 3 : Metaphors for a troubled nation - Vanguard News Nigeria

The violence, intimidation and hateful vitriol we witnessed in Charlottesville - with reverberations across the country - is at a level so disturbing that it is difficult for most of us to comprehend that it is happening within our nation's borders.

The state of our nation is disturbing, discouraging, and to be honest, baffling. Friends, we are at war. Wars of this kind are won on our knees. Let me ask you, Do you have a war time strategy? Or are you spending more time watching the news, complaining about it and cluck-clucking in bewilderment than actually engaging in the battle? Praying for our nation is something I CAN do. Will you join me? I invite you to play a part in praying for the nation. We have weapons strong enough to destroy strongholds. So how about it? Below are ten suggested references, followed by my own sample prayers. Please note my prayers are not Bible translations. They are included for those who would like examples of how to prayer. You can use these as a prayer guide for our nation. You even promise healing in the land. Lord, our land needs healing and I believe it starts with me. I humble myself before You right here, right now. I ask You to grant me a repentant spirit so I may be an instrument that ushers in Your blessing for this nation. But Your word says the blessed nation is the one whose God is the Lord and our nation has turned from You. God, on behalf of myself and my people, I confess our disregard of You. Not flagrant personalities and foul speech. Righteousness, Lord, righteousness is what we need. Oh Lord, let Your righteousness rain down on us and spring up from within every home and community in our land! Strike a fear in the heart of Your people! Show us the seriousness of our sin and the holiness of Your majesty. And let us be wise! You have a people and You have a plan that will not fail. No matter what, Your purposes will prevail. You are in Your church and indwell Your people. In this we take great hope. Strengthen Your people, Lord! Strengthen Your church in this country! Let us rise to the battle cry and faithfully stand firm! Stir up our passions and desires for purity, holiness, and intimacy with You. Let us walk in the unquenchable fire of Your Spirit. Lead us out and lead us up. We are a holy nation, a royal priesthood, set apart for worthy purposes. Stir in each and every heart to come out and be different! Let Your people see You high and lifted up! Let us see You as holy. Let us understand Your nature, character, and sovereignty. Let us know Your word. Sweep across this land and reveal Yourself like never before. Let us know You, God! May those without Christ see our good works and glorify You. We pray that many will come to know You and confess You as Lord. We know You are the One who sets up rulers and kings. The buck stops with You. We pray for our leaders and future leaders—and those who elect them—to have wisdom, knowledge, and discernment, for these things come from You. We know Your will is for righteousness, salvation, and truth. We pray for these things to define our lives, our marriages, our homes, our communities, and our nation. We ask for Your church to be vessels that usher in Your Kingdom and fulfill Your will. Grant us, Your servants, success as we seek to glorify Your name. There you have it, 10 war time scriptures to pray for the nation and to pray for our leaders. I encourage you to stop right now, take ten minutes, and write out the scriptures above. Armed with promises to trust God for , we CAN make a difference through the power of prayer! Before you go, be sure to join our email community below for free prayer cards, challenges, printables and more resources for growing in your walk with Christ.

Chapter 4 : Prayers for the Nation and its Leaders

The remarkable story of Joseph's rise to power in Egypt is not just another rags-to-riches story. Fundamentally, the story is about how the Lord created a nation out of a troubled family.

Chapter 5 : A Troubled Nation by Scott Cullen on Prezi

Now Malala Yousafzai's voice has been amplified by the peace prize. Maybe Pakistan's leaders will hear it at last.

Chapter 6 : Joseph's Story - A Nation from a Troubled Family - Thomas Nelson Bibles

Troubled Nation. likes. In late , Troubled Nation was formed with the intent to create music that embodied the views of Jesus while also having.

Chapter 7 : Stamp: Prayers for a Troubled Nation (Ion) - Ion Concert Media

Next Steps. Many of us grew up in an America whose Judeo-Christian roots were still intact. That has changed. So perhaps for the first time in your life, you are considering the true cost of discipleship.

Chapter 8 : 'Taking a Knee' for a Troubled Nation | The Stream

ABUJA - The Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Solomon Dalung, yesterday said that one of the reasons Nigeria is a troubled nation is because its reward system had collapsed.

Chapter 9 : Prayer for America, Our Nation - 25 Verse of Hope

Pastor's Column: God has the solution for a troubled nation. God has an answer to every problem America faces. God is not waiting for unbelievers in America to get their act together.