

OVERVIEW

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 and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chron. 7:14)

This verse is set in the context of how God corrects nations that have deviated from His will. God is always loving and always just. His purpose in disciplining the nations in the ways listed in 2Chronicles 7 is always to root out wickedness and draw people into a right relationship with Him.

PRAY

Prayer is simply our conversation with God. In its simplicity prayer is a gloriously wonderful privilege given only to humanity . As God's people, we align ourselves with the will of our Heavenly Father and King through *repentance*, *intercession*, and *petition*. In praying faith filled Holy Spirit led prayers we activate our authority as sons and daughters to usher in the righteousness, reign, and blessings of the kingdom of Heaven. (**Heb. 4:16, Jd 1:20-21, Lk 11:1-4, 1 Thes 5:16-18**)

REPENTANCE

Repentance is changing our behavior and starts with declarations from the heart. Declaration of wrongdoing, confession, is necessary of all true repentance. As representatives before God, we have the ability and responsibility to confess and repent for our nation's sins. (**Dan. 9:20, Acts 3:19**)

INTERCESSION

Intercession is standing in the gap between God and those in need. We can ask for mercy on behalf of those who do not have a personal relationship with God. Holy Spirit and Jesus Himself intercede on our behalf when we do not know what to pray for ourselves. (**Rom 8:26-34, Joel 2:17, Gen 18:22, Ex 32:9-14, Num 16:47**)

PETITION

Petition is making our requests known to God. Whether reminding God of His promises and requesting their fulfillment in our lives or asking for justice, provision, or the outpouring of God's Spirit we ask confidently as sons and daughters who have a good Father. (**1 Ptr 5:7, Phil 4:6, Mt 6:8, Mt 7:11, Jms 4:2**)

GOD HONORS THE PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS!

We have a promise that the heartfelt prayer of those who live according to God's Word is effective and powerful. Ordinary people who take the time to pray according to God's will can turn the heart of a nation and change the course of history. (**Jms 5:16, 1 Jn 5:14-15**)