

**NATIONAL
BLESSINGS**

PSALM 33:12

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**Blessed is the nation whose God is the
LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen
for his own inheritance.**

Introduction

A. Our patriotic songs plead for God's blessings?

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God Bless America

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March time

God bless A-mer-i-ca, Land that I love, Stand be-
side her and guide her Thru the night with a light from a bove; From the
moun-tains to the prairies To the o-cceans white with foam God
bless A-mer-i-ca, My home sweet home. home.

The Nation

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America, the Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates

Samuel Ward

O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain, For
O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern im-pas-sioned stress, A
O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved In li-ber-a-ting strife, Who
O beau-ti-ful for pat-riot dream That sees be-yond the years, Thine

pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fru-ited plain! A-
thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness! A-
more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life! A-
al-a-bas-ter ci-ties gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears! A-

mer-i-cal! A-mer-i-cal! God Shed His grace on thee, And
mer-i-cal! A-mer-i-cal! God mend thine ev-ry flaw, Con-
mer-i-cal! A-mer-i-cal! May God thy gold re-fine, Till
mer-i-cal! A-mer-i-cal! God shed His grace on thee, And

crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing seal
firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy li-ber-ty in law!
all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, And ev-ry gain di-vine!
crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing seal

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My Country, 'Tis of Thee

REV. S. F. SMITH HENRY CAREY, (1603-1743), 1740. Har. 1745

1. My coun-try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib-er-ty,
2. My na-tive coun-try, thee, Land of the no-ble free,
3. Let mu-sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
4. Our fa-ther's God, to Thee, Au-thor of lib-er-ty,

Of thee I sing; Land where my fa-thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor-tal tongues a-wake, Let all that
To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's

pil-grim's pride, From ev-ry moun-tain side Let free-dom ring-
tem-pled hills; My heart with rap-ture thrills Like that a-bove.
breathe par-take, Let rocks their si-lence break, The sound pro-long.
ho-ly light, Pro-ject us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

America

C. T. BROOKS, 1834. J. S. DWIGHT, 1844

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| 1 God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might. | 2 For her our prayers shall rise
To God, above the skies;
On Him we wait;
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the state! |
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Deuteronomy 28:1-12

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Deuteronomy 28:1-12 - continued

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

Deuteronomy 28:1-12 - continued

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

Deuteronomy 28:1-12 - continued

11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Introduction

B. Will God answer the prayers of these patriotic hymns?

1. It depends on the conscience and conduct of the nation

Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

2. It depends upon the nation's response to Christ and His Word

Isaiah 55:6

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Psalm 119:126

**It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they
have made void thy law.**

I. We Need Revival Born In Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

A. We have enough programs

Programs prove what planning can do; prayer proves what God can do

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

I. We Need Revival Born In Prayer

B. Consider the praying of the early church

1. They prayed before Pentecost

Acts 1:14

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

I. We Need Revival Born In Prayer

B. Consider the praying of the early church

2. There was mighty power in the church through prayer

Acts 4:31-33

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

**If revival depended on your prayers, would
we have revival?**

II. We Need Revival That Brings Holy Living

A. Revival comes when people see sin as serious

B. What is in your life now that you once considered sinful?

C. We have become tolerant to sin

Ephesians 5:11

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

How can God bless America in our current state?

II. We Need Revival That Brings Holy Living

E. We must return to righteousness

1 Peter 4:17a

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God:

Psalm 94:15

But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it

III. We Need Revival That Brings Forth In Evangelism

A. All true revivals have brought sinners to Christ

B. We must have a passion for lost souls

1 Corinthians 9:16

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

C. We must show the cost of being lost

Mark 8:36

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

**Can This Kind Of Awakening Come To
Our Land Today?**