

Day 1 - The Violence in America

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Day 1 of this prayer vigil is centered around the violence that seems to have taken our country by storm. Don't misunderstand, violence has been here and will be here, until the glorious re-appearance of our Lord and Savior. However, lately it is impossible to turn on the television, log on to the Internet, or pick up a newspaper without witnessing yet another senseless act of violence that has been perpetrated against a human being.

Gun control, which is in the forefront of the race against violence, is truly not the answer. Though I agree that America needs to get a handle on the availability and seemingly easy access that we have to semi-automatic and assault weapons, controlling guns will do little to stifle the flood of hatred and violence that we see daily. Just the other day, a man in Texas chose a knife as his weapon of choice...gun control would have been of little or absolutely no consequence here. The answer...prayer. I read on the Internet last week that a 23 year old father (and I use the term very loosely) had been arrested for torturing his one year old daughter to death...again, gun control would not have controlled that situation.

There is a real need for us to go to the throne daily about what is occurring in this once great nation of ours. God has been taken out of everything and every place, except the church. And, the question that comes to my mind is this...with a church on virtually every corner of our nation (some corners have two or three), why doesn't the church have more power than what we do? How has the country been able to slip so far away from God that it is impossible to see Him, unless you are at church.

For the sake of this country and all of it's inhabitants, we must get God out of the church and into the streets. We, as Believers, have got to put God back into the very fiber of this nation. This nation was founded on the belief of one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all...yet we, the church, have allowed God to be boxed into the walls of our sanctuaries.

In the 59th chapter of Isaiah, we are told that the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear deaf that it cannot hear. But, our iniquities have separated us from God. And let's face it, could God be disappointed that the church has allowed so many atrocities to go unanswered...like prayer being taken out of schools and public gatherings, or abortion becoming a free for all, men being able to wed men and vice versa...just to name a few. Does God have something against us?

But, the 60th chapter gives us hope! He says to arise from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you -- rise to a new life! Shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and

his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:1-3.

The church, body of believers, must arise and be that light that this nation needs. Then, when the church is lighting this nation, the world will see!

Who can halt the violence that has consumed America? We Can!!!

Let us pray...

Father, we lift this nation to you. Asking you to guide us in all things. We pray for those who have a propensity for violence, realizing that this is bondage of the vilest kind. We come against the stronghold of violence that has set itself as the governor over this land. Your Word says whatsoever we bind on earth is bound in heaven and whatever we loose in heaven is loosed in earth. Therefore, Father, in the name of Jesus, collectively, we bind the demon of violence in this nation and loose love, and the fear of the Lord. In the name of Jesus, we pray...Amen.