

# *Why do We Need to Repent as a Nation?*

**“Day of Prayer and Repentance” September 26, Saturday**

“For Such a Time as This”, God has given us this window, this “Day of Prayer and Repentance”, for us to return to Him, personally, as a church, as a nation and globally! We may never have this window again! God is orchestrating every step and aspect! I spoke to “The Return” Coordinator for our church this week and she had such enthusiasm as she shared 18,000+ will be gathering at “The Mall” in Washington, D.C., 11,000+ will be live streaming, and almost every country in the world is now simulcasting this event. Over 100+ denominations, hundreds of locations here in the U.S. and 120+ cities globally. Leaders include Jonathan Cahn, Anne Graham Lotz, Alveda King, Dr. Ben Carson, great Christian worship leaders and more.

*Please **help spread the word** to the rest of Burnt Hickory, to your family, neighbors and our community through Face Book, Instagram, calling, talking to people, announcing in Life Groups and other meetings.*

If you have not already registered, please do, so we can send you the Prayer Guide, the schedule and other pertinent information concerning the simulcast at the church or live streaming from your home:

**Click [HERE](#) to Register**

**[Video Link](#) – 2 Cor 7:14**

*Why is “The Return” more critical now?*

Just some of the reasons it is so important we take advantage of this window:

- The course America, and much of the world is on
- The upcoming election
- The COVID-19 virus
- The lawlessness we are seeing in some of our cities
- The current efforts to regain footing in our economy
- The need for world revival and spiritual awakening
- Without that, where will the U.S. and the world be?

We shared a few facts in the last “Weekly Prayer Guide” from “The Return’s” resources and here are just a few more changes we have seen in our nation and reasons why the return to the Lord is so critical now. Please lift these up to God as you go through them:

- **Gangs:** With decades of unchecked illegal immigration, membership in criminal Gangs has absolutely exploded all over the country. Today there are 150,000 gang members living in the city of Chicago alone, and they outnumber the police by more than a 10 to 1 margin.

- **Adult Websites:** Today there are more than 4 million Adult Websites on the internet, and they get more traffic than Netflix, Amazon and Twitter combined. Addiction to these websites has become a major national crisis. Yet very little is being done. One major survey found 64% of all Christian men in America view “adult material” at least once a month and a different major survey found 68% view “adult material” on a “regular basis”.
- **Tax Code:** When a federal income tax was introduced in 1913, it was fairly simple and most taxpayers were taxed at a rate of just 1%. Today, the Tax Code is more than 2 million words long and the regulations are more than 7 million words long.
- **Government:** Our Government continues to Waste money in absolutely insane ways. For example, the U.S. military spends 42 million dollars a year on Viagra.
- **Unhappy Nation:** We are an extremely, extremely unhappy nation. If you can believe it, doctors in the U.S. write more than 250 million prescriptions for antidepressants each year.
- **Gay Marriage:** In 2007, 54% of all Americans were opposed to Gay Marriage and only 37% wanted it to be legalized. Today, 62% of all Americans support gay marriage and only 32% are still against it.
- **Economic Growth:** The average rate of Economic Growth over the past 10 years has been exactly equal to the average rate that the U.S. economy grew during the 1930’s. We were stunned to discover that average yearly rate of growth was just 1.33%.
- **Abortion:** Since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973, nearly 60 million American children have been murdered in America’s abortion mills. Sadly, the number of children aborted each day in this country is roughly equal to the number of American who lost their lives on 9/11.

God in His mercy has afforded us a time of reprieve to turn and repent so our land will be spared. “The Return” is a chance for America, 40 days prior to our next major election, to turn back to God. Pray that through “The Return” and the “Prayer March 2020”, which make up this “Day of Prayer and Repentance”, we will see a movement spark and grow into a flame of revival and spiritual awakening like we have never seen before.

If you have not already, please begin by preparing your own heart through:

[\*A Guide to Confession and Cleansing\*](#)  
and [\*My Prayer of Confession\*](#)

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