

Prayer for the Nation

This is the National Day of Prayer, and all across our country Americans are expressing their praises and petitions to Almighty God. Dr. Henry Blackaby is the 2006 honorary chairman. Born in British Columbia, Dr. Blackaby has devoted his lifetime to ministry. He has served as a music director, education director and pastor in churches in California and Canada, as well as president of Canadian Baptist Theological College for seven years, and president of the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference.

He has provided leadership to thousands of pastors and laymen across North America, and has spoken to missionaries and other groups in more than 90 countries of the world. Although he is now officially retired, Dr. Blackaby continues to provide consultative leadership in the life of the Christian community. He has published an array of spiritually influential messages in his lifetime, most notably *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God* (1990), which has sold 4 million copies and has been translated into 45 languages. His books, *Experiencing God Together* and *Experiencing God Day by Day Devotional* both won the Gold Medallion Award. Dr. Blackaby lives with his wife, Marilyn, in Rex, Georgia.

Dr. Blackaby's 2006 Prayer for the Nation:

Oh Heavenly Father, You have made Yourself known to us as a nation by Your mighty works throughout our history. From the beginning, You have been with us through many wars and conflicts; Your right arm has saved us. We have been amazingly and graciously blessed.

Today, we confess our sin of not responding to Your right to rule in our lives and our nation. Too often we have despised and rejected Your will while imposing our own, and we are now facing the consequences of our disobedience. Draw us back to Yourself that we may return to Your ways once again. Without You we can do nothing. You have promised that if we honor You, You will once again honor this great nation.

That is our fervent prayer. For Your honor and glory we pray. Amen

As Americans, we need to pray – and mean – that prayer for our country to be all that God intends for us to be.

--Beecher Hunter