





Blessed is the nation...




Psalm 33

The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
 And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap.
 He lays up the deep in storehouses.
 Let all the earth fear the LORD;




Psalm 33

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him
 For He spoke, and it was *done*
 He commanded, and it stood fast.
 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
 He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.
 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
 The plans of His heart to all generations




Psalm 33

Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD,
 The people He has chosen as His own inheritance
 The LORD looks from heaven;
 He sees all the sons of men.




Psalm 33

From the place of His dwelling He looks
 On all the inhabitants of the earth;
 He fashions their hearts individually;
 He considers all their works




Psalm 33

No king *is* saved by the multitude of an army;
 A mighty man is not delivered by great strength
 A horse *is* a vain hope for safety,
 Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength




Psalm 33

Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear Him,
 On those who hope in His mercy,
 To deliver their soul from death,
 And to keep them alive in famine.




September 11, 2001

19 men attacked the United States of America
 Killed 2966 men, women and children
 They desired to punish America kill the infidels and
 destroy our way of life as a "Christian nation"




September 11, 2001

80% of Americans identified themselves as Christian in 2000
 77% of Americans identified themselves as Christian in 2010
 8% of Americans claimed they did not believe in God in 2000
 12% of Americans claimed they did not believe in God in 2010
 Approx. 45% of Americans regularly attended church in 2000
 Approx. 41.7% of Americans regularly attended church in 2010




September 11, 2001

Two major wars
 Natural disasters - hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes
 Homeland Security measures
 Financial distress - Bank failures, automotive makers default,
 Recession, Loss of Debt Rating, high unemployment,
 increased persecution of Christians and loss of rights -
 Challenge to institution of marriage




September 11, 2011

Politically divided nation
 Strangled by kneeling to political correctness
 Burdened by national debt and tax rates to pay for it
 Send money to dictators overseas while our own
 people are hungry, hurting and homeless
 Elected officials care more about pleasing lobbyists
 than being faithful to their constituents




September 11, 2011

Sounds to me like those 19 men were successful...
 And I'm partly to blame for it




September 11, 2001

Prayed for threat outside this nation
 Did not realize that the greater enemy to fight was
 within us




September 11, 2011

Psalm 33 tells us that God is in heaven looking
 throughout all the earth for men and women, boys
 and girls, who will allow Him to fashion their hearts
 after Him... He looks at their works... and He knows
 that nothing is saved by an army... a mighty man is
 not saved by his strength... or a warrior by his
 weapons.




September 11, 2011

Instead the Lord's watching those who fear Him,
 who hope in His mercy, who trust Him to deliver
 them from death.
 It is a nation who has these type of people who is
 blessed.




September 11, 2011

A nation is blessed whose people fear the Lord.
 A nation which humbles itself and cries out to God is
 healed.
 A nation which trusts in Him will not be ashamed




September 11, 2011

19 men may have attacked the United States 10
 years ago today.
 But the Church of Jesus Christ has bought into lies
 from the pit of hell that have caused us to be
 impotent and ineffective in this nation.




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These lies have permeated our culture.
 They convince us that strong beliefs are rigid and
 intolerant.
 That compromise is compassionate
 That things that are trivial are worthy of our focus,
 while the God of the universe is ignored




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And even now in this place, at this moment, we may be wondering, what can 19 of us do?
 What difference would it make in a nation so huge?
 Over and over in the OT there are references to a "faithful remnant"




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God's favor is there for those who seek it
 He offers His plan, His purpose and His power to those who will seek Him
 God math - it works




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If I prayed and fasted and asked God to
 - change the heart of America
 - change the heart of just one elected official per year
 - give that person the same passion to pray and impact just one elected official per year...




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2011 - 1
 2012 - 2
 2013 - 4
 2014 - 8
 2015 - 16
 2016 - 32




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2017 - 64
 2018 - 132
 2019 - 264
 2020 - 528
 2021 - 1056




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19 people - 20,064
 510,000 elected officials in the US = nearly 3%
 10,700 elected officials in Indiana = nearly 20%
 And these elected officials could join those who are already brothers and sisters in Christ serving in government.



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Just us. A faithful remnant.
 But we would have to be passionate and pray.
 We would need to believe and fast.
 We would have to be fervent and committed.



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The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
 The plans of His heart to all generations
 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.