

*For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.*

*Psalm 36:9*

# — the LifeWord —

with Michael Green



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Dear Friend:

## **MR. PRESIDENT**

As Mr. Obama said, *"So help me God"*, rejoicing and reflecting was the order of the day. Not regret and recrimination. All Americans had a right to smile.

Just 45 years ago, a man stood a few blocks from that spot and sowed dream seeds and, on this day, a big part of that dream lived. All Americans had a right to be proud.

Our television was on from 5:55am until 11:40pm.

We were delighted to know that TD Jakes had set the tone by being the first voice of the day. We cheered on Rick Warren on as he skillfully *"Name Dropped"* the Name of our only Savior. And, just in case you weren't sure who he was praying to, he left no doubt as he kicked into, *"Our Father, who art in Heaven..."*. Allah, Buddha, the ACLU or Mother Earth didn't pen those words.

The new president set the tone with dignity as the apparent gravity and weight of the awesome load had landed on his shoulders. I think he was realizing that the last two years would be like a picnic compared to what was waiting for him at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. All Americans have an obligation to pray.

Sitting on our couch, we spoke repeated prayer words of encouragement, thanks and blessing towards the day's participants.

First off, we were grateful that the world was seeing the way America changes leaders. No tanks. No gunfire. No coups. Just an orderly, dignified ritual of transferring power from one man to another. I couldn't help thinking how fitting it would be to see Jakes, Warren and a few others walk forward to lay hands of blessing and confirmation on the new President and the First Lady.

We spoke to the television as President Bush turned for the last wave. We were thankful that this man of deep faith had used his power and influence to keep us safe for over seven years. We prayed that God would grant him rest and blessing after an unprecedented and unrelenting eight year experience. Even the night before he took the final wave, I was amazed at one of the network commentators, who, in one last, mean spirited, tizzy, referred to him as an *"illegitimate president"*. We prayed that Mr. Obama would be afforded a more gracious treatment in the Office that deserves honor and respect from all Americans.

We prayed for the new First Family, including the Mother in Law. Regal elegance could easily describe Michelle while sweetness and carefree excitement depicted the two precious little girls. We prayed for their safety and bound the foolishness that would attempt to bring harm to them.

Mr. Obama had come from a less than idyllic childhood journey as far as a *"traditional"* home life might be described, yet he chose to set a new course and a new family example for the four of them. This love and devotion could be a great example legacy to foster hope and a pattern for the family unit that has been mutilated in the eyes of millions of America's disenfranchised youth.

Speaking of influence, we prayed that the right people would surround our President and speak into his ear. For years, the political process and the church has been influenced and road blocked by

religious speaking wolves (Jesus' words). Those who have used the Gospel and the podium to shakedown for gain, to stop meaningful progress, to keep the very ones they claim to lead in a deadly cycle of poverty, dependence and lack.

My friend, Lee Grady, in his latest Charisma email, echoed my heart. Like us, his response to the day had been proud and prayerful. Although glad about the men of faith who had been visible those first few moments, he was concerned about those of influence whom we may not see.

Taking the Bible story of a man named Barak, who sought the covering and wisdom of Deborah, he wrote, *"If President Obama truly wants to make the most positive mark on American history, he cannot simply position a few token Christians on his stage while the Prophets of Baal surround him"*.

I also have great concern regarding the special interest groups, such as those who would seek to take that which is unnatural and perverted, or those who would coldly take the lives of millions of our babies and future taxpayers each year, or those who would attempt to legitimize every mystic and spiritual mischief under a false banner.

These type agendas think they have found a new crack in the door as they seek to stealth their way into our lives by trying to fly under the Civil Rights banner. This abject hijacking of the noble cause should be abhorrent to the leaders and founders of the movement whose cause was founded in scripture and prayer. God's real people should know the difference; the rest can stuff it in their inclusion bag.

You see, the evil agenda has not taken a vacation and their eyes are still fixed on the highest echelons of authority. While any other religious dribble will be welcomed and pushed to the front row of influence and place, we should not get hypnotized in manufactured euphoric moments that dull our senses to a false Kumbayah moment.

The enemy has not changed and the stakes are higher than ever. They want our President and our families while silencing the voices of God's People. In the natural, I am quite concerned.

Early on January 21, as his toes touched the White House carpet, I hope the new President could feel the prayers of a Nation. A Nation that has survived and progressed because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He's the same Jesus that that powerful, gap toothed, preacher spoke of the day before.

Mr. Obama can do what is right by leading us in righteousness, goodness and fairness while ferociously protecting us from enemies from within and without.

We must all covenant to stay on the Intercession Wall because Putin, Chavez, Hamas, terrorists, socialists, traitors, ineffective traditions, bigots, witches, thieves, those who would torpedo our tax base, and an array of fools we don't even know about, are driven to destroy America and sell out Israel. These and more are hiding behind the Oval Office door each morning. He's gonna need the "The Whole Armor of God" and the wisdom of Solomon.

Mr. President, we are praying for you. Lead well.

*Michael*

PS: A few days ago, I received a prayer written by Pastor/Evangelist Kimberly Daniels and I wanted to share it. To read her anointed, powerful prayer, [CLICK HERE](#) and fasten your seat belt...(thanks to Steve Strang and Strang Communications).