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Dear Friends:

GET THE MESSAGE

My friend said, "It just seems like things are just spiraling more and more out of control each day". I thought to myself, yeah, where do you want to start?

Our metro area, in spite of some neat recovery victories, is rife with mismanagement, corruption and world class ineptitude. Just this weekend with some mindless gunplay, we vividly saw what happens when ignorance and hopelessness merge, you get lawlessness.

My prayers are already focused on Mayor-Elect Landrieu and his Herculean task ahead. I know him as a good man who has great natural ability but he needs to know that the dead religious traditions, the disastrous political philosophies and the dysfunctional cultural conditioning of old will not reveal the life-giving answers needed for the challenges ahead. To succeed, he must walk in the supernatural wisdom, counsel and courage that only come from the abiding of the Holy Spirit in one's heart. As Grandma used to say, "He needs the prayer, I need the practice".

Speaking of prayer, when looking at the plight of our downward diving Nation, and the fuse lit time bomb globe we are perched on, the "pray without ceasing" edict is not hard to grasp and is quite rational.

Even though historians tell us that no nation has ever survived the deliberate implementation of 13 Trillion dollar deficits, burdensome confiscatory tax schemes, and the abject dismantling of our business, financial, military and medical systems, under the continuous counsel and conditioning of many who wish to undermine and denigrate our nation, our leaders have ignored history, the voices of millions, and while thumbing their noses at Christian prayers, have smilingly dived headlong into this infected pool while callously pulling us, and our children's children, in with them. (Sorry about that run-on sentence).

Further, you can expect America's influence and place in the world to continue be nothing more than a place to pillage and plunder with demonic derision.

Just this week, we hosted a bunch of other nations for what was billed as a Nuclear Summit. After a few rounds of drinks, the cast of attendees, that Mad Magazine would likely call, "the usual gang of idiots", churned out a hubristic press release trumpeting some sort of lame breakthrough. Think toothless.

First off, know this, the only meaningful concessions were giddily offered by us on the sacrifice altar of World Citizenry. Most of the other knucklehead participants are not our friends and history has also proved that most of them only lie when they are breathing.

The message has been sent, we just can't wait to weaken ourselves.

Secondly, the real threatening rogue nations don't care about such meetings and refused to participate in the parade. Boy, they're gonna be in trouble. Just wait till they get that scolding letter of rebuke from the others. Oooooo, scary, huh?

And on top of all of this, Israel also decided to take a pass on the get-together. For some time, our nation has worked overtime to make our special friends and faithful allies feel alienated and after last week, they smelled an ambush.

You might have missed the news but Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, was in Washington last week. He even went to the White House but not too many folks were aware. The Thanksgiving Turkey pardon ceremony got more airtime.

Each week, our President has meetings and photo ops with a host of folks who are deemed newsworthy. . . a winning baseball team, a white haired couple that has been married for 75 years or a kid who made a sculpture of George Washington's head out of Corn Flakes . . . but, on the eve of such sensitive security talks, Mr. Netanyahu was given no diplomatic courtesy, a hand shake picture or even a White House pen and pencil set as a parting gift.

After a short cut meeting, he was unceremoniously shuttled out of the side kitchen entrance like one of Tiger's girlfriends.

Let me see if I get this, we can bow to the leader of China and to the Saudi King but we give our special friend the side swipe Bum's Rush? He got the message.

Nah, I wouldn't have come back either.

Right now, anyone with just a semblance of respect for our Nation and just a bit of historic and Biblical conviction knows that we are at a significant pivotal point of decision, action and consequence. We only have two paths of recourse.

As citizens of this nation, we still, for the immediate time being, have a right to be heard at the ballot box. But more importantly, we, as citizens of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ have a more powerful weapon that can't be disarmed by the deranged or deceived. As the old hymn declares, it is the Hope of the Ages.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 gives us a short but authoritative order. . . The NLT says, "Never stop praying". The NKJ chides us, "Pray without ceasing". NIV says, "Pray continually". The Message encourages, "Pray all the time".

Got the message? It's all we have.

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