

**“Prayer For Our Nation”
II Chronicles 7:12-14**

II Chron 7:12-14 *Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

In II Chronicles 7:14, the Bible gives me six guidelines for praying for my nation.

I. The people of prayer.

II Chron 7:14 ... if My people

II. The person of the prayer.

II Chron 7:14 if My people who are called by My name

Acts 4:12 ... there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Phil 2:9 ... God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

III. The piety of the prayer.

II Chron 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves,

The Hebrew word for humble, kana, means to get low or bow down.

How do I humble myself?

A. By remembering the cross of Jesus.

B. By remembering the words of Jesus.

Luke 14:11 *For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

C. By remembering the humility of Jesus.

Phil 2:8 *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

Matt 5:3 *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

IV. The petition of the prayer.

II Chron 7:14 *if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face,*

He tells me two things about the petition of prayer.

A. I should pray.

B. I should pray with fervency.

II Chron 7:14 *... seek My face,*

V. The purity of the prayer.

II Chron 7:14 *... turn from their wicked ways,*

VI. The promise of the prayer.

II Chron 7:14 *if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

I should be praying for my nation every day.