



Bless Your Nation – Week 5: Media and Sport

This is the **6th article** in our 8-part series, entitled ***Bless Your Nation***. In each article, we focus on a different area of society to bless. Pray the blessings over your nation in faith. This week we focus on blessing the Media and Sport.

*Are you blessing, rather than cursing; healing, rather than wounding;
restoring, rather than destroying by your words and actions?*

Our first task as believers is to ask God to change our own hearts from a negative perspective of our nation to a faith perspective and to trust that He wants to use us to bring about change in our nation. If you have not yet read the first article in this series to prepare your heart to bless your nation, we suggest you do so before continuing.

Day 1. MEDIA

BLESSING: I bless _____'s media with accurate, truthful and unbiased journalism and broadcasting. I bless media personnel with the ability to discern truth from lies. I bless them to be bold in exposing hidden agendas, and pray for them to be responsible for the content of their programs, magazines, newspapers and social messages. May citizens accept the challenge to build the nation, rather than tear it apart; to encourage people, rather than to accuse, curse and demean others, especially through social media. May they be the solution to overcome racism, rather than perpetuating hate, violence and racial discrimination. Lord Jesus Christ, please help us, as Christians, to remove all hate speech from our mouths.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Use your phone today and send this blessing to everyone on your contact list. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless you with this priestly prayer: *The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26).

Day 2. MEDIA

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless the Internet, Radio and TV broadcasts. I pray that these technologies will be used as instruments to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that documentaries, movies and programmes will be made that will proclaim the truth about God, and give accurate instructions on how to live a holy and godly life. May the Internet, Radio and TV in _____ become a tool in the hand of God to lead millions of people to salvation.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Send this blessing to all your social media friends: *"I bless you to know how dependent you are on God, for to you belong the kingdom of heaven. I bless you if you*

mourn, for you shall be comforted. I bless you with meekness, for then you shall inherit the earth. I bless you to hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you shall be filled. I bless you to be merciful, for you shall obtain mercy. I bless you to have a pure heart, for then you shall see God. I bless you if you are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for yours shall be the kingdom of heaven. I bless you when people revile you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for the sake of Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:3-12).

Day 3. MEDIA

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless the journalists in our nation who report on the news via the Internet, TV, Radio, newspapers and magazines. May they publish and broadcast truth. May they realise their accountability before God, and their responsibility to guide the nation to know the truth. I pray that all negative words will be removed from their mouths, and that Internet, TV, Radio and newspaper reports in our nation will begin to bless people and honour God.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Your local TV or Radio station, newspaper offices. Write this blessing on an email, and send it to your local newspaper, or phone your local Radio station and pronounce this blessing over the air: *The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26).

Day 4. MEDIA

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services and the Department of Government Communication and Information System (GCIS). May the communication services in our nation be managed with integrity and great responsibility. May all lies and curses be removed from every communication in our nation, whether issued by the government, or any other agency in our nation. May the Lord fill the mouths of our country's citizens and foreigners who stay in our nation with truth and blessings.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Your local post office. Prayer-walk the streets and pray at the telephone poles for a blessing on the communication systems. Write the 3 blessings found in Numbers 6:24-26, Matthew 5:3-12 and Ephesians 1:3-4 on paper and mail them in the post-boxes of all the people in your street.

Day 5. SPORT

BLESSING: I bless our sportsmen and women to be responsible role models for our youth, to excel in their sport and to be worthy ambassadors for _____. I bless the Department of Sports and Recreation. Lord God, please bless _____ sportsmen and women with a new heart!

PRONOUNCE these 3 blessings over all your nation's NATIONAL SPORT TEAMS: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless the people of our national sports teams.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26).

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:3-12).

Blessed are You, our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...that we should be holy and without blame before You in love" (Ephesians 1:3-4).

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Sport stadiums or fields in your area. Support your local sport's team this week and bless your opponents!

Day 6. SPORT

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless all school sports. May our young boys and girls be challenged to live healthy, active lives, and may they learn how to compete and participate in individual and team sports in mature ways. I bless the coaches and teachers to develop the sports talent of our youth to an excellent level.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: The local school sport fields. Attend a school sport's match and pray for the children, teachers and coaches.

Day 7. SPORT

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless the health clubs, sport clubs and other sports activities in our nation. I pray that the people of _____ would be healthy and actively involved in exercising their bodies, as well as in exercising their minds and spirits through activities that will bring honour to our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray for a solution to the growing challenge of obesity, diabetes and other sicknesses because of wrong eating habits and lack of physical exercise.

Continue to pronounce the 3 blessings from Numbers 6:24-26, Matthew 5:3-12 and Ephesians 1:3-4 over your nation.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Local health and sport clubs. Take a WALK or CYCLE through your neighbourhood while blessing the people and homes around you.

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Read each article in this series and continue to pray the blessings over your nation, believing God to transform the hearts of its citizens.