



Bless Your Nation – Week 6: Culture, Arts and Entertainment

Christians in every country must take responsibility for their own nation, believing that God can and will change the hearts of its citizens. This is the **7th article** in our 8-part series, entitled ***Bless Your Nation***. In this series, we focus on a different area of society to be blessed in our nation in each article. This week we focus on blessing the Culture, Arts and Entertainment.

Trust that God wants to use you to bring about change in your 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. Ask God to change your heart from a negative perspective of your nation to one of faith.

Day 1. CULTURE

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless _____'s diverse cultures. May we all receive forgiveness for allowing our cultural backgrounds to blind us and hinder us from walking in the truth of God's Word. May all cultures in _____ be purified and redeemed, so that we may honour our Lord Jesus Christ from all our cultural backgrounds. Though we have different heritages, may we all receive an inheritance in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Museums, cultural buildings and monuments. Pray that people from all cultural backgrounds will realise that God the Father wants us to be reconciled to Him through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Day 2. CULTURE

PRAYER: Father God, today I intercede for tourists who visit our nation. I bless the Tourism Industry. May tourists be blessed by the wonderful, colourful, joyful, friendly and warm cultures in _____. May they also be exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ while they are in our country! I pray for peace amongst different cultures in our nation. Help us to understand, appreciate and value each other's cultures and the way we express ourselves in our nation. Help us also to be a nation through which You can bless other nations of the world. I pray a special blessing on peacemakers from all cultural groups.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: A tourist area near you. Ask the foreign tourists if you can pray for them and then pronounce the blessing from Numbers 6:24-26 over them.

Day 3. ARTS

BLESSING: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless _____'s artists! May God be honoured in everything they create. I pray that they will be filled with the knowledge and understanding of God's infinite glory and holiness, and will find creative ways to express it. With them, I want to bless our Creator God: *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).

PRAY FOR: Photographers, artists, cartoonists, sculptors, architects, etc.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Your local art shop, art gallery or at any sculpture in a park near you.

Day 4. ENTERTAINMENT

PRAYER: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless the performing arts in our nation. Father God, thank You for giving us so many actors and actresses that confess Your name. I pray for these men and women, who are role models to our younger generations, to take a stand publicly for Jesus Christ and to live moral lifestyles of purity, integrity and holiness. I ask for forgiveness for the use of the name of Jesus Christ as a curse in movies and TV dramas. Father, please convict our actors and actresses of this sin against You.

BLESSING: I pray this blessing over all of our performing artists: *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).

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Theme parks, drama theatres, movie-theatres, etc.

Day 5. THE BLOOD OF JESUS OVER YOUR NATION

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"...I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory."* (1 Timothy 3:15-16).

Jesus said, *"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."* (Matthew 24:30-31).

The Apostle Peter wrote, *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."* (2 Peter 3:9).

BLESSING: Let us together bless the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with this blessing: *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).

Day 6. ENTERTAINMENT

PRAYER: In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless and pray for _____'s entertainment industry. May it be cleansed and purified from all perverse, immoral and occult influences. I pray for Christians to refuse to participate in any occult, sexual or addictive activities. I pray for the church to take an active role in providing young people with healthy social alternatives to the entertainment of the world. May people in _____ be set free from addiction to pornography, visual stimulation, computer games, gambling, drugs, alcohol, etc.

PRAYER-WALK/DRIVE: Bars, shebeens, adult entertainment sites, gambling-houses, casinos, drug-hotspots, brothels, game-centres, human-trafficking hotspots, escort agencies, night clubs, etc.

Day 7. ENTERTAINMENT

PRAYER: Father God, today I want to pray especially for the growing problem of human trafficking, and the abuse and misuse of women, men and children in this modern-day slavery. I pray for prostitutes who are trapped in the sexual industry. I pray for children who are abducted and sold into sexual slavery. I pray for men and women who are addicted to pornography and sex. I pray for young people who are exposed to sexual content on internet, TV, in movies and phones from a very young age. I rebuke and bind the spirit of lust that has taken control of the minds and hearts of so many people in our nation. I pray for deliverance for all victims of the sex industry. I pray for a pure, holy, undefiled generation to rise up in our nation who will take a stand against all the immorality and filth that is contaminating the minds of our young people. Father God, wash us with the blood of Jesus and heal _____.

INTERCEDE: For the salvation of perpetrators: drug dealers, human traffickers, occultists, immoral and perverted sex-abusers, pimps, etc.

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