

# How Christians Should Respond to a Nation in Crisis

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*"You have shaken our land and split it open. Lord, heal it now, for it is shaken to its depths."  
(Psalm 60:2, NLT/TLB)*

## How God Brings Healing

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways..." (2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV)*

### 1. ALIGN MYSELF SPIRITUALLY.

*"If my people, who are called by my name..."*

*"Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority...to tell [people] everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name." (Romans 1:5, NLT)*

*"The time has come for the judgment to begin, and it will begin with God's family." (1 Peter 4:17a, GW)*

*"Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith." (2 Corinthians 13:5, NLT)*

### 2. CONFESS MY ATTITUDE HONESTLY.

*"...will humble themselves..."*

*"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6b, NLT)*

*"People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy." (Proverbs 28:13, NLT)*

*"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had." (Philippians 2:5, NLT)*

*"Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude." (1 Peter 3:8, NLT)*

### 3. PRAY EARNESTLY.

*"...and pray..."*

*"Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving." (Colossians 4:2, AMP)*

*"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for [rulers] and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior," (1 Timothy 2:1–3, NLT)*

*"Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people." (Ephesians 6:18, NCV)*

#### **4. SEEK GOD PREEMINENTLY.**

*"...and seek my face..."*

*"[God] rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Hebrews 11:6, NIV)*

*"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." (Matthew 6:33, NLT)*

*"We, however, are citizens of heaven. We look forward to the Lord Jesus Christ coming from heaven as our Savior." (Philippians 3:20, GW)*

*"Live as citizens who reflect the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come to see you or whether I stay away, I'll hear all about you. I'll hear that you are firmly united in spirit, united in fighting for the faith that the Good News brings." (Philippians 1:27, GW)*

#### **5. LIVE CIRCUMSPECTLY.**

*"...and turn from their wicked ways..."*

*"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15–16, NKJV)*

*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13:35, NLT)*

*"[Love] is not rude..." (1 Corinthians 13:5a, NIV)*

*"Love has good manners." (Ph)*

*"Show proper respect to everyone..." (1 Peter 2:17, NIV)*

*"We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves." (Romans 15:1, NLT)*

#### **HOW GOD RESPONDS WHEN WE RESPOND**

*"...then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV)*