

# AN OPEN LETTER TO GOD'S CHURCH IN AMERICA

Beloved brothers and sisters in America,

My name is Justus Musyoka. The Lord sent my wife, Jemimah, and I from our country, Kenya, to serve Him in the Church in America as missionaries. We are third generation fruit of the ministry of American missionaries in Kenya. Many of the original missionaries died of tropical diseases and their graves lie in the yards of Churches that grew out of their work. Later American missionaries prepared us for ministry in our own country. America is, therefore, the homeland of our spiritual parents. In 2007, after serving the Lord in our country for thirty years, we heard the Lord's voice calling us to come and serve Him in the United States. The Lord has given us a word of encouragement for His Church in America.

In one of the saddest moments of his earthly life, our Lord wept for the Jews after they had failed to recognize their opportunity for divine visitation. Luke 19:41- 44 says, *"Now as He drew near, he saw the city [Jerusalem] and wept over it, saying, 'If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation'"* (NASB - All scripture quotations will be from the New American Standard Bible, unless otherwise noted). That the Lord of all creation wept should stir up such sobering awe and fear in our hearts. Our Lord wept because He knew Israel had lost her opportunity for divine visitation. He also knew what sorrow would come upon the Jewish nation. Missing God-given opportunities always results in sorrow and regret. Indeed, the Jewish nation has paid dearly for missing their opportunity.

The Lord has been offering your nation an opportunity for divine visitation. As the Body of Christ in America, you need to seize this opportunity and impact America for God. Like the original Christian community, you must arise and "turn the [American] world upside down" (17:6, NASB). The Body of Christ has got sufficient divine provisions for its God-given tasks on earth. She is God's own work and accomplishment, for our Lord Himself is her builder. Jesus says in Matthew 16:18, *"I will build My Church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it"*. Satan's power, therefore, cannot overcome the Church. Despite rigorous efforts by religious and world leaders to annihilate or stop the

Church, she has grown more powerful and fiery. God declares in Zechariah 2:8, that “he who touches” His people, “touches the apple of His eye.” And as Saul persecuted the Church, according to Acts 9:4, Jesus appeared to him and asked him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” In addition, the Church is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The fullness, unceasing presence, and exceedingly great power of God dwell within His Church. The gates of hell in this region, therefore, cannot stop or overcome you, American Church. You have the capacity to be revived and increased in strength and triumph over all your enemies.

In addition, you need to recognize the unavoidable Kingdom responsibilities before you. Jesus gave the Great Commission to His Church and He would like to see it fulfilled. He would like to see His beloved Bride remain on fire for the Father's Kingdom. It is your responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission and keep the Spirit's fire burning in your nation. Moreover, your fellow Americans are dying spiritually like sheep without a shepherd. Many of them have yielded to sexual perversity, alcoholism and drug addiction, Satanism and other demonic practices, cults and dead religions, humanism and secularism, and other deceptions. You must get revived and deliver your people from spiritual death. You also have the demanding responsibility of preparing the next generation through the teaching of God's Word and exemplary Christian living. History has witnessed the Church losing whole nations and generations. The Church, for example, lost the region of North Africa and has now, to a great extent, lost many European nations. A revived American Church will become the salt of America (Matt. 5:13) and stop this from happening to the United States.

Besides, the Lord has provided you with overwhelming harvest opportunities. The postmodern movement, for example, in its denial of the universality and timelessness of truth and view of truth as the will to power, has created unprecedented opportunities for evangelization. In a level platform of the plurality and equality of beliefs, dead worldly philosophies stand no chance against the Spirit-inspired Gospel message of our Lord Jesus Christ. This, coupled with widespread spiritual hunger among your people, especially the young, is a marvelous missionary opportunity for the Body of Christ. Many of them, in their quest for supernatural experiential reality, have plunged deep into Satanism, divination, astrology, and other demonic deceptions. As a revived Church in America, you will be able to provide eternal truth and the miraculous to hungry souls. God has also facilitated your missional efforts by His abundant grace, politically and economically, over your nation. Despite experiencing a few economic upheavals, you are not hungry, naked, or without shelter. That is why many of us from the Third World do not consider your current economic condition as a reason for us to not come to your country. Instead, more than 50,000 people yearly, from different nations around the world still find America a good place to live, work, and go to school. You also have a lion's share of the great advances in communication technology that have reduced the global community into a village neighborhood. This is an added advantage for you as you do exploits for the Lord.

I have also been asking myself a number of questions about your spiritual heritage. Might the spiritual state of your country be the result of an earlier missed opportunity? Why do the words "IN GOD WE TRUST" feature in all your bills and coins and in many vehicle number plates and other places? Why do you have a national "THANKSGIVING DAY"? Did the late Benjamin Franklin move in the House that delegates at the Constitutional Conference daily hold "prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessing" on their "deliberations"? Might it be that instead of a history of social injustice, increased secularism, decline of moral values, and deterioration of Christianity as a national faith, etc, God had a different agenda for America? Might it have been possible for the New England charter, signed by King James I of England in 1620, to establish a government whose purpose was "to advance the enlargement of Christian religion, to the glory of God Almighty," to, somehow, have become a reality? I have continually been fantasizing about a revived and vibrant American Church bringing these lost dreams into actualization. Hence, I have been silently praying for you that the Lord may bless your country with massive national repentance and spiritual renewal. I have also been meditating on Genesis 12:1-4, Psalms 126:5,6, Ecclesiastes 11:1 and Luke 6:38 and thinking of America's vast humanitarian aid to the nations, global missionary work, and support for Israel, Abraham's descendants. My prayer for your nation, therefore, is that she finds the bread she has cast and continues to cast over the waters and receives spiritual blessing from the Almighty God. How I long to see the Body of Christ in America reaping in joy and coming again with rejoicing, bringing in her sheaves, for the precious seed she has sown in tears. God's promises are unchangeable and unbreakable. Amen.

It is true, brethren, that you are constantly sandwiched between demonic evils and increasing societal wickedness, between secularism and religious falsehood, and between hostile publicity and misconceptions of your identity, among other satanic strongholds. Nevertheless, you will agree that the early Church saints impacted their world for God despite the existence of worse conditions during their time. They were limited in numbers, transportation, and communication technology. They were opposed and persecuted by the religious and governing authorities of the time. They lacked the encouragement of the written New Testament, widespread Christianity, or general knowledge about Jesus, etc. Our brethren had only the power and fire of the Holy Spirit upon them as the Lord had promised them in Acts 1:8, *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"*. Ten days later, the Holy Spirit came upon and empowered them. Through His power, they seized their God-given opportunity and impacted the world for God.

Along with the power to perform miracles, the Holy Spirit gave them passion. They had untold passion in their lives and witness of Jesus. Passion is what enables believers to persist in Christ and serve Him zealously and fearlessly. Passionate believers succeed in the business of the Kingdom. Our passion, as believers, comes from the Holy Spirit.

But look what worldly passion can also do! Passionate spouses and parents succeed in marriage and parenting even outside of the Christian faith. Passionate revolutionaries change and transform their societies and nations. Think of the French revolutionaries during the time of Napoleon Bonaparte, the American people and leaders like Samuel Adams during the Revolutionary war and Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, Hitler and the Germans and World War II, the people of India and their leader, Mahatma Gandhi, during India's independence, the civil rights marchers and their leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, and the South Africans fight for their liberation, led by Nelson Mandela, among many other examples. These examples represent the power of forceful natural passion.

If men, therefore, by their natural psychological and emotional power bring about so much accomplishment, surely the passion that comes from the power of the Holy Spirit within us will do untold exploits. It was by this passion that the early Church fanatically witnessed Jesus to their world. It was by this passion that they refused to quit, instead withstanding arrests, beatings, stoning, and death itself and rejoicing in the Lord. Not only were they ready to die but also many of them actually died for the Name of the Lord. God's Church, spiritual victory is not about social influence or political favor. In the book of Judges, God told Gideon to send home from the battle those warriors that were fearful. It is all about the powerful hand of God through His Spirit, for victory is of the Lord. Church of God in America, rise up now and radically witness Jesus and His Kingdom to your fellow Americans. Your fellow countrymen are perishing in their sins. They need you, because you are the ones with whom the Lord of life has entrusted the ministry of life.

Moreover, the next generation of Americans needs you. They are like clay in the hands of the potter and will become whatever you make them. You are responsible to ensure that the faith of the Gospel is conveyed to the next generation. Receive the power of the Holy Spirit and a passion greater than was in your ancestors when they fought during the Revolution, Civil War, and Civil Rights Revolution. Ignore the negative and adverse reports of those who visualize your homeland of America becoming a non-Christian region. By the grace of God, you will reverse this trend and win your people to the Kingdom of God. The Lord says that it is "not by might nor by power," but by His Spirit. Those of you who are willing will turn America upside down, for God will be on your side and will also reward you. May you open your spiritual eyes and recognize your time of divine visitation. The fire in many of your congregations must spread beyond the sanctuaries. Holy fire always initiates deliverance! The power and fire of the Holy Spirit are meant for the salvation of souls. Your churches must not celebrate within their walls while American's die spiritually out in the streets.

Pray now. Declare a time of prayer. Declare night prayer vigils. Declare fasts. Pray for national spiritual hunger, thirst, repentance, and return to God in the heart of every American. Pray for the sanctity of marriage, the family, and human life on American soil. Pray for the restoration of God's word and Christian philosophy in your

educational curriculum. Pray for God's protection and increased empowerment upon His remnant in your land, those that are making spiritual difference in America. Pray for love and unity within your ranks. God is not white, Indian, black, or Hispanic. God is not democratic, republican, or independent. God is not upper, middle, or lower class. He is the Living, Eternal, and Almighty God. He is the Maker of the universe, Author of life, Sovereign King, and ultimate Judge. Lastly, pray as the Spirit leads you for all that your great nation needs for her spiritual life. God bless America.

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