

THE PRAYER

Last year a minister by the name of Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas State Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but what they heard instead was a stirring prayer, passionately calling our country to repentance and righteousness. The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest.

Commentator Paul Harvey aired the prayer on The Rest of the Story on the radio and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired!

The prayer follows:

“Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, “Woe on those who call evil good,” but that’s exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that:

- ❖ We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism
- ❖ We have worshipped other gods and called it multi-culturalism
- ❖ We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle
- ❖ We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery
- ❖ We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation
- ❖ We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare
- ❖ We have killed our unborn children and called it a choice.
- ❖ We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable
- ❖ We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem
- ❖ We have abused power and called it political savvy
- ❖ We have coveted our neighbor’s possessions and called it ambition
- ❖ We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression
- ❖ We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will I ask it in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

I have often wondered if there was not a lesson in this prayer and the effect it had on the Kansas State Senate, for those of us in the church to learn. It is not only enough not to do these things or believe in them but we must not “give hearty approval to those who practice them.” (Rom 1:32) In California how do you think our elected officials would react to this prayer? Would they act any different than those in Kansas?