

## HOW SHOULD WE PRAY IN LIGHT OF TERRORISM?



In the face of fear, we must pray **BELIEVING**. When Jesus Christ taught us to pray in The Lord's Prayer, "Deliver us from evil," he obviously believed that prayer would be answered, otherwise he would not have bothered to say so. The point being, God is on the side of intervening and protecting us from evil. So when we pray, we must begin with **CONFIDENCE** God will answer!

When I pray against terrorism, I pray along these lines.

"Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I ask you to protect my nation and its people from terrorism. I ask that your hand be **AGAINST** those who plan acts of terror and prevent them. Change their hearts, Lord, but if that will not happen, remove them from the earth. I ask that you give our intelligence services and law enforcement insight and coincidences that will enable them to capture terrorists before they can act. In the name of Jesus Christ, I come against the spirits that inspire terrorism, and I ask you Father to render those powers, agencies, and influences null and void. I ask all these things **BELIEVING** and in the name of Jesus Christ!"

For better or for worse, that is how I pray, and have done so for years. "Good thoughts and wishes" are not going to be effective. However, earnest, believing prayer will. Jesus knew that legions of angels were available in response to his prayers. We who have entrusted ourselves to Christ can have the same expectation. We are not Christ – but we are "in him" and have the right to act **IN HIS NAME**.

One last word to pastors. If you are not doing so already, I encourage to begin meeting with other pastors to pray. Especially join with church leaders you would not normally meet with either because of racial, historical, or doctrinal divides. In this life, we will always have things to splinter us apart – but our shared life in Christ can transcend them all.