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## **10 Prayer Events During Founding of USA:** *GOD Judging & Liberating Nations: Lessons from Scripture 8*

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On a human level, there is no way that the American Colonies, which became the United States of America in 1776, should ever have won the War for Independence (1775-1783) against Great Britain. But they did! Three of the most important factors in their victory were:

1. Honoring GOD publicly and putting their reliance foremost upon Him, and stating so at the risk of their lives in the Declaration of Independence;
2. Endeavoring, even though not perfectly or fully, to build society, government, and the nation upon the Word of GOD and faith in Him; and
3. Holding many days of prayer, fasting, and humiliation to confess their personal and national sins, and to seek the favor and interposition of the LORD.

Regarding the days of humiliation, fasting and prayer, did you know that the Congress and General George Washington called for such days 10 times during the War for Independence? The day listed is the day of the prayer event:

- 20 July 1775: *A Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer Declared by the Second Continental Congress*: “As the great Governor of the World, by His Supreme and universal Providence, not only conducts the course of nature with unceasing wisdom and rectitude, but frequently influences the minds of men to serve the wise and gracious purposes of His Providential Government; and it being at all times our indispensable duty devoutly to acknowledge His superintending Providence, especially in times of impending danger and public calamity, to reverence and adore His immutable justice, as well as to implore His merciful interposition for our deliverance.”
- 20 July 1775: *General Orders*, General George Washington (for the military to observe the *Day* called for by the Continental Congress).
- 7 March 1776: *A Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Humiliation*, Massachusetts Legislature: “to implore the Lord, and Giver of all victory, to pardon our manifold sins and wickedness’s, and that it would please Him to bless the Continental Arms, with His divine favour and protection.”
- 7 March 1776, *General Orders*, General George Washington.
- 17 May 1776: *A Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer*,” Continental Congress: “humbly to supplicate the mercy of Almighty God, that it would please Him to pardon all our manifold sins and transgressions, and to prosper the Arms of the United Colonies, and finally, establish the peace and freedom of America, upon a solid and lasting foundation.”

- 17 May 1776, *General Orders*, General George Washington.
- 6 March 1777, *A Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer*, Governor and Assembly of New Jersey.
- 6 March 1777, *General Orders*, General George Washington.
- 22 April 1778, *A Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer*, U.S. Congress: “that at one time and with one voice the righteous dispensations of Providence may be acknowledged and His Goodness and Mercy toward us and our Arms supplicated and implored.”
- 22 April 1778, *General Orders*, General George Washington.
- 6 May 1779, *A Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer*, U.S. Congress: “to acknowledge the gracious interpositions of Providence; to deprecate deserved punishment for our Sins and Ingratitude, to unitedly implore the Protection of Heaven; Success to our Arms and Arms of our Ally.”
- 6 May 1779, *General Orders*, General George Washington.
- 22 February 1780, *A Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer*, U.S. Congress.
- 22 February 1780, *General Orders*, General George Washington.
- March 1780, *A Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer*, U.S. Congress.
- March 1780, *General Orders*, General George Washington.
- May 1781, *A Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer*, U.S. Congress.
- May 1781, *General Orders*, General George Washington.
- 25 April 1782, *A Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer*, U.S. Congress.
- 25 April 1782, *General Orders*, General George Washington.

**Question:** What do you think would happen if we followed their example and held such events this year, every year, and more than once a year when needed?

**Pray** that we as God’s people would personally and corporately humble ourselves, fast, and pray for our (your) nation to come back into right relationship with God and His purposes to be restored and fulfilled. Keep praying that the Holy Spirit will “convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8). Let us believe He has good plans for our future.

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