

## A Prayer That Should Always be in Our Hearts



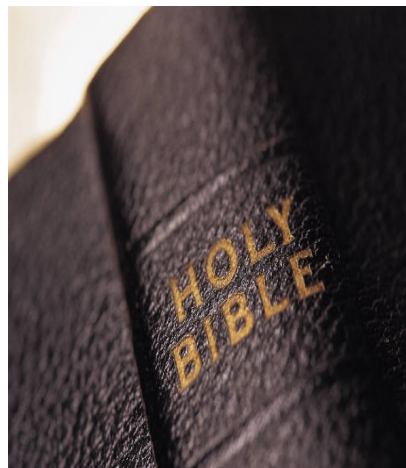
“God Bless America” might be a patriotic song that you know, but let me ask you a question. Does America really want God to bless them? Sometimes our country seems to want that, but sometimes it also seems that we are trying to do everything on our own. Is that biblical for a country that needs God? No!

Now, what do the schools teach about our founding fathers? They teach that they were people who never prayed to God, never sought the Bible for counsel, and never believed in God! This is just the opposite of what they really were! George Washington, our first president sought God for counsel when he needed help with the war, with leadership, for sickness, and many other things. He trusted God entirely. Now, That doesn't mean that he was perfect, but he did have humbleness enough to go before a mighty God for every one of his troubles.

As for the title, “A Prayer That Should Always be in Our Hearts,” the Bible says that Esther, the Queen of Persia, told her uncle Mordecai to have all of the Jews fast for three days to ask God to help Esther as she was to go before the king to ask him to deliver the Jews. God answered this prayer.

Do you see how a people can be blessed if we ask God to help us? I hope you do.

The meaning of this lesson then, is to ask God to help our president make wise decisions, and our soldiers who are fighting and training in the war, that God would keep them safe. We also need to pray that America comes to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This will bring the ultimate change for our country and His glory.



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### Special points of interest:

- A lesson on praying for our country.
- A scrumptious recipe with a homemade and easy crust!
- A pretty craft that will light up your day.

## Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp ~ All Recipes

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups chopped strawberries
- 2 cups chopped rhubarb
- 1 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix oats, flour, brown sugar, and melted butter together in a bowl; press mixture into the bottom of a 9-inch pie pan. Top with strawberries and rhubarb. Stir water, white sugar, and cornstarch together in a saucepan. Bring to simmer, constantly whisking, until mixture bubbles and thickens; pour over fruit layer. Bake in the preheated oven until bubbling, about 1 hour.

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## Sunny Sunbursts ~ American Girl Magazine

- 3 pieces of colored paper
- Tape
- Paper Punch
- String

Accordion-fold an 8 1/2 by 11 in. sheet of colored paper length wise. Each fold should be about 1 in. wide. Once the paper is accordion-folded, fold it in half widthwise. Use tape to join the paper where it meets. You should have a fan shape. Repeat the above instructions with 2 more pieces of paper. Attach the 3 fan shapes together along their edges with tape to make a circle. Use a paper punch to make a hole. Hang the sunburst with string. Make larger or smaller sunburst using paper in different sizes.

