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INTRODUCTION

Dear Prayer Warriors,

As we are called to “make disciples of nations”, one of the top problems that must be addressed in prayer is corruption. Sin causes corruption to society. To my knowledge, this massive problem - systemic in some regard in every nation of the world - has not been made the subject of targeted, concerted prayer on a national level.

We believe the power of intercessory prayer in the Name of Jesus can tear down any stronghold, and that includes systemic corruption. When we pray, those things done in secret will be brought to light! Not only do we want them exposed, but we want justice to prevail!

For this reason, we are asking you to join with us in the Stop Corruption Now campaign as we pray for 21 days. Many believe we are at a tipping point as a nation. We want revival and reformation to come in the nation that will produce a lasting transformation in every area of society!

Standing in the gap for the nation!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike & Cindy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The word "Mike" is on the left, followed by an ampersand, and "Cindy" is on the right. The "C" in "Cindy" has a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards.

Mike and Cindy Jacobs

“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy for I am holy.’” - 1 Peter 1:15-16

OVERVIEW: PREPARING OUR HEARTS

Just as governments, businesses and financial systems can be corrupt, so can the human heart (Jeremiah 17:9). Before identifying and praying over areas of high level corruption in our society, it's vital that we first look inward at our own hearts. Preparation for this 21 day initiative must begin by evaluating ourselves to identify any sinful or personally corrupt doorways that we've opened in our lives.

We ask that you take today to spend time in prayer with a humble heart, should there be any areas in your life that need repentance.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Integrity issues**

Proverbs 10:9 tells us that “whoever walks in integrity walks securely.” Have you been honest in all areas of your life? Do you keep your word when you make a promise?

- **Sexual appetites**

Maintaining sexual purity is very important. The Word of God is clear that when one commits a sexual sin, it is a sin against his or her own body. Have you refrained from watching impure movies? Have you been consuming pornographic material? Have you been desensitized to sexual impurity?

- **Treatment of others**

Jesus Himself said that one of the greatest commandments is to love your neighbor as yourself. How we treat people is often an indicator of our relationship with God. We can't love God and not love people! Have you mistreated your spouse, children, family members or friends in any way? Have you manipulated others for your own gain? Are there any roots of unforgiveness in your life?

- **Finances**

As a lot of corruption in the United States is rooted in finances, it's important to make sure you are clean in this area of your life. Are you being responsible with your income and providing for your family? Do you tithe? Do you pay your bills on time and your taxes in full? Have you idolized money in any way?

DAY 1 - PERSONAL CORRUPTION

PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I ask that you would reveal to me any areas of my life where I have allowed myself to become morally corrupt. I repent for any unbridled appetites, integrity issues and/or ways that I have mistreated people and finances. Thank You for Your forgiveness!

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Father God, we repent on behalf of the United States, for having corrupt and sinful hearts. Have mercy on us, oh God, and renew the bodies, minds and spirits of our people with Your Word! We repent for our wicked ways today, seek Your face according to 2 Chronicles 7:14 and ask that You would expose any corruption in our personal lives.

PRAY

1. Pray that the Lord would fully prepare you for this initiative by cleansing and healing your heart of any personal corruption. (1 John 1:9)
2. Pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen you to truly be holy as God is holy. (Romans 8:26)
3. If there are any areas of your life that require special attention (for example, your finances) ask the Lord for the grace to be able to take the necessary steps that would get them in order. (Hebrews 12:11)

ACT

1. If you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from someone, go to that person and make amends in humility and love.
2. If you need to seek help in areas of your life such as financial restoration, counseling, breaking addictions, etc., take the steps that will help you find freedom and peace.

OVERVIEW

The family unit is one of the key building blocks of a society; however, in the United States the family has been slowly eroding. According to the American Psychological Association, 40-50 percent of marriages end in divorce¹. 43 percent of US children come from fatherless homes (US Department of Census) which leads to a plethora of other negative behaviors such as drug and alcohol addiction, teen pregnancy and suicide. The definition of marriage between one man and one woman is also being corrupted as more and more states are legalizing homosexual marriage. In addition, pornography and drug addiction are at an alltime high.

Unfortunately, families in the Church don't look much better from the world.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Divorce rate**

Contrary to what we've been told over the last several years, the actual divorce rate in the Church is estimated to be around 31 percent according to a very recent study by Harvard trained researcher Shaunti Feldhahn (it was estimated to be around 50 percent before the study). Although this is an encouragement to the Body of Christ, 31 percent is still very high.²

- **Infidelity**

According to the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy, 41 percent of marriages are tainted by adultery. This is also common in the Church.³

- **Pornography and drug use**

The statistics for pornography use are staggering. According to a 2006 study, 50 percent of all Christian men and 20 percent of all Christian women are addicted to pornography.⁴ This includes Church leadership. Drug rates are also very high as more states are considering legalizing marijuana.

- **Homosexuality in the church**

Many mainline church denominations have begun recognizing homosexuality as not sinful in any way and are even allowing gay and lesbians to be church leaders. This has contributed to the eroding of the biblical definition of marriage in the United States and caused more people to accept homosexuality as something created by God Himself.

- **Perception of children**

Whether selfishness or economic status be the cause, there are believers and nonbelievers alike who see having children as an intolerable burden instead of recognizing them as a blessing from the Lord.

We have allowed the family unit in the Church and nation to be corrupted by immorality, and moral corruption leads to a lack of moral authority. No wonder we have not seen reformation in our land! It is important to take this seriously in repentance and prayer before the Lord.

DAY 2 - THE FAMILY

PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I ask that You would forgive me for ways that I have allowed myself, my marriage and/or my family to become morally corrupted. Forgive me for any ways that I have harmed my marriage, participated in pornography or drug use and/or not maintained godly thinking when it comes to the biblical definition of marriage or having children.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Father God, we ask for forgiveness on behalf of the United States for allowing our families to become corrupted by immorality. We repent for our divorce and infidelity rates, for our pornography and drug abuse and for not valuing our nation's children. Expose any corruption in our nation's families and help us to raise a godly standard for families in our society that will serve as an example for other nations.

PRAY

1. Pray for the family units in American society and the Church to be strengthened. Declare that the spirit of immorality is broken, and bind the enemy from destroying marriages and familial relationships in the Church. (Matthew 18:18)
2. Pray for the divorce rate, fatherless rate, pornography and drug abuse, and wrong perceptions of marriage and children to decrease in an amazing rate. Ask God to renew the mind of His people. (Galatians 5:16)
3. Ask God to raise a standard of holiness through His Church that will be a light for the nation. Also, pray for families in the Church to be healed of any immoral practices, so we will regain our moral authority in America. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

ACT

1. Evaluate your marriage and family. Does your relationship with your spouse and children need to be strengthened? Is there any immorality that has been allowed? Take the necessary steps to healing and freedom for your family!

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“Then He said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’” - Luke 12:15

OVERVIEW

It can be difficult sometimes to address systems of corruption within the body of Christ at large. Each branch or denomination has its own procedures and systems, its own strengths and weaknesses.

Our culture also tends to be harder and more vocal about any problems that arise concerning religious leaders or institutions. Some might bemoan this as unfair, but it is important to remember that the world is watching and holding us to a high standard when we bear the Name of Christ.

There are many stories that can be found, some individual cases and some recurring problems. The following information is fairly broad and generalized, but it serves a reminder for all of us as believers to walk in transparency and integrity.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- 20 percent of **American congregations lose money to people entrusted with church finances**, according to a 2005 Newsday article.¹
 - Experts say instances of **misappropriation of church funds** are not always the result of theft and deception; instead they are often due to laziness or a lack of understanding about tax laws. There is a need for more financial education for pastors and church treasurers/accountants.¹
 - There have been instances of **greed and financial scandal** as different spiritual leaders achieve celebrity like status. While not particularly widespread, the highprofile nature of these leaders makes the accounts of their financial corruption more widely discussed.²
 - Whether it is the result of greed or merely a preoccupation with personal finances, the body of Christ at large has been ineffective in carrying out the Biblical mandate to care for the poor. The burden is often left to churches who are in poor areas where the needs can be overwhelming. If we were unified in efforts and resources, the Church could have a tremendous role in the elimination of systemic poverty.
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I ask that You would forgive me if I have, in any way, misused my finances or have idolized money. Forgive me if I have been greedy and unwilling to see and meet the needs of others. Help me to become a better steward of my resources and bless others who have less than I do.

DAY 3 - MISUSE OF FINANCES AND GREED IN THE CHURCH

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, on behalf of our nation and Your Church we ask that You would forgive us for misappropriating and misusing funds. We repent, in any way, if we have not striven to fulfill our biblical mandate of helping those in poverty find financial freedom and ask You to expose any corrupt practices in our churches.

PRAY

1. Pray for a renewed commitment to integrity and honesty in the body of Christ. (1 Chronicles 29:17)
2. Pray for pastors and church financial leaders to seek out better understanding and knowledge for handling the finances entrusted to them. (Proverbs 24:3)
3. Pray that greed and materialism would be uprooted in the church, that believers would truly be countercultural in these areas. (Colossians 3:5)

ACT

1. Consider how you can come together with other believers to help the poor in your community and city.

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“Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless.” – Psalm 10:12

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- Abuse in the Church has come to be dominantly associated with the Catholic church, due to a series of cover ups and accusations of church leaders molesting children; however, **recent cases and accusations** suggest that the problem may actually be even worse in the Evangelical church. ¹
 - Boz Tchividjian, executive director of GRACE, an organization that investigates abuse allegations, says the Protestant culture has been one of independence; there is a **willingness to sacrifice souls in order to protect institutions**. ¹
 - Aside from sexual abuse, church leaders can become guilty of **spiritual abuse** - wielding their authority and manipulating Scripture as a means to control and influence people towards certain actions or decisions. ²
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Lord, in understanding that You have commanded me to love and honor others, I ask that You would forgive me for any way I have abused or manipulated people for my own gain. Help me to walk in love and humility towards others and treat them how I would want to be treated.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Father God, we repent on behalf of our nation's churches for any way we have abused individuals and families. Forgive us for even doing these things in Your Name at times. We ask that You would expose any kind of abuse in our churches and strengthen our church leaders to love as You love and treat people with the utmost care and respect.

PRAY

1. Pray for new depths of humility and repentance in the body of Christ; pray especially that leaders would deal with areas of sin rather than covering them up. (Proverbs 11:2)
2. Pray for church leaders to implement effective systems of accountability and not exempt themselves because of their positions. (Psalm 119:26)
3. Pray for victims of all kinds of abuse to have courage to speak up and begin the process of healing (Psalm 147:3)

DAY 4 - ABUSE OF POWER AND PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

4. Pray for the Church to rebuild a reputation in our culture for protecting and fighting for those who are vulnerable, rather than manipulating or controlling them. (Matthew 9:36)

ACT

1. Evaluate your own life and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where you have mistreated others. If there are any individuals you need to ask forgiveness from, it is important to take the steps to repair those relational rifts in your life.
2. Commit to praying daily or weekly for leadership in your church.

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“Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave.” - Exodus 18:20

OVERVIEW

Corruption is one of many factors contributing to the brokenness of the American education system, although not one of the more widely discussed.

Over the past decades, many nationwide policies, initiatives and standards have been set in place, but still the system continues to struggle. Perhaps there are issues below the surface that need to be addressed before effective change can really take place.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Testing**

In spite of overwhelming evidence suggesting the emphasis on standardized testing has driven down the quality of education, there are individuals and companies making billions off of the testing system. Companies who produce the tests gain from the sales of curriculum, study materials and grading services.¹

- **Property values**

Wealthy stakeholders within school districts seek to protect their property values from being driven down by racial and economic integration; redistricting is a measure frequently implemented to appease this concern.²

- **Embezzlement/Fraud**

There have been many cases in recent years of school district officials mishandling funds, pocketing even millions of dollars. Districts have worked to put better systems in place, but it is not always enough.³

PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I repent if I have not been aware of what is happening in my own school district. Forgive me if I, in any way, have not cared enough about the education of children in this nation to ensure that corruption in my city's education system does not exist.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, on behalf of our nation, we repent for allowing corruption in our schools. Forgive us for not rising up to combat it and for not even being aware that this is happening oftentimes. Expose all corruption in the education system! As we seek Your face, help us as a nation to value students

DAY 5 - THE ROLE OF MONEY IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

instead of impacting them negatively due to corrupt practices.

PRAY

1. Pray for all corrupt activities, systems, motivations, and individuals to be fully exposed. (Ephesians 5:11)
2. Pray for education professionals to have a renewed resolve and commitment to integrity; pray for the pressure they are facing to be alleviated by an awareness of the bigger issues. (Proverbs 11:3)
3. Pray for the exposure and removal of those who are abusing their positions of trust as a result of greed. (Luke 12:15)

ACT

1. Find out who the stakeholders are in your neighborhood. Pray over them and make an effort to get to know them.
2. Vote! School board members are the first line of potential change. In your community, who are they? What are their interests? (Maybe even consider running for office yourself!)

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“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” - Proverbs 22:6

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- A 2012 study found schools to be more segregated than they were before the Supreme Court required racial integration in Brown vs. Board of Education.¹
 - **Segregation** is more likely to occur between districts than within a single district.²
 - **Lines are regularly redrawn** by some (but not all) elected officials in order to keep poor and minority children in separate districts from white and upper/middle class students; research indicates this division is actually hurting students as the most effective environment for children to flourish in is one where a wide diversity of race, economic status and ethnic background is present.³
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, forgive me if I, in any way, have held racist or prejudiced feelings towards anybody. Help me to see and love every person as You do.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, we stand in the gap for the United States and humbly repent for racism in our nation. We repent for our prejudices and segregation just because of the color or culture of others. Expose racism in the education system, and eliminate racism in our nation by Your loving power.

PRAY

1. Pray for the continued healing of race wounds in our nation. (Psalm 147:3)
2. Pray for the emergence of leaders from all ethnic backgrounds who can pave the way for healthy dialogue and new strategies in a way that will not segregate students. (Proverbs 15:22)
3. Pray for the hearts and motives of elected officials to be laid bare. (Proverbs 16:2)

DAY 6 - RACISM IN EDUCATION

ACT

1. Develop friendships with people of races other than your own. Relationships are a potent force against racism!
2. Stay out of the gossip. Communities love to buzz about “good schools” and “bad schools”, but people rarely know what is actually going on. Unless you are involved, connected and knowledgeable, don’t be part of the gossip chain.

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“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” - 1 Corinthians 4:2

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- While there has not yet been overwhelming evidence of corruption with charter schools, several recent cases involving **fraud and mishandling of taxpayer funds** have made headlines. ¹
 - The same lack of government oversight that makes them appealing and increasingly popular holds the **potential for enormous corruption.** ²
 - There is a **lack of accountability** regarding how funds are raised or spent. ¹
 - It remains uncertain at this point if choices are being made and carried out in the best interest of students or in the interest of those who stand to gain financially. ³
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Lord, I ask that You would forgive me for not being aware of this corruption that is taking place in charter schools. For the future of my children and the children of this nation, help me to obey You in any way that You would have me get involved in the education system.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Father God, we repent on behalf of our nation for allowing corruption to take place in our charter schools. We ask Your forgiveness for not even being aware of this occurring, and ask You to expose corruption in our nation's charter schools.

PRAY

1. Pray for educators who truly love and desire to invest in the next generation. (Psalm 145:4)
2. Pray for all greed, corruption and impure motives to be exposed in the nation's charter schools. (Philippians 2:3)
3. Pray for political leaders, education professionals and parents to come together in unity and wisdom for the educational future of children. (Ephesians 4:3)

DAY 7 - CHARTER SCHOOLS

ACT

1. Whether or not you have a student in your home, you can be a part of encouraging teachers in your community.
2. Consider approaching your local school and find out what their needs are. Write some encouraging notes. Commit to praying for one or several teachers by name.
3. Know your rights as a parent. For example, did you know you can opt out of standardized testing for your student most years? If parents would mobilize to do this, it would go a long way towards changing the “teaching to the test” system currently in place.

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“For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.” - Ecclesiastes 12:14

OVERVIEW

Upon hearing the term organized crime, many may think of a distant period in American history where bootleggers in Tennessee and Italian mob bosses in Chicago controlled a sinister, underground world full of violence, corruption and illegal activities. As interesting as it may seem to those who only know organized crime by The Godfather series, the reality is that organized crime exists and thrives in the United States today.

There are many organized crime groups operating in the United States, including Mexican cartels and European and Asian mafias.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Money laundering**
The concealment of the origins of illegally obtained money, typically by means of transfers involving foreign banks or legitimate businesses. Examples of such businesses are small restaurants, real estate properties or strip malls. And while it may come as a surprise to some, U.S. banks have been complicit in the laundering of billions of dollars for drug cartels.¹
 - **Bribery**
Paying off local judges, bank officials, city council members, politicians and/or law enforcement in order for a blind eye to be turned to illegal operations.
 - **Crime-insurance fraud**
Any act committed with the intent to fraudulently obtain some benefit or advantage to which they are not otherwise entitled.² An example would be making an insurance claim on a falsely reported ‘stolen’ vehicle with the purpose of making a financial profit.
 - **Financially supporting campaigns** in order to gain influence with politicians. This will pay off in the future when organized crime leaders ask for certain favors from those politicians.
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I ask that You would forgive me if I, in any way, have been corrupt with my money in my personal life. I also repent if I have been unaware of organized crime occurring in my area. Open my eyes to see corruption in my own city that I may be a part of ending it.

DAY 8 - ORGANIZED CRIME

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord God, we stand in the gap for the United States and repent for the evil of organized crime. Forgive us for allowing this to exist and affect our nation on many levels, from the political sphere to human trafficking to financial impropriety. We also ask that you would forgive our nation for causing organized crime to grow through unbridled appetites. Expose and eliminate all corruption in our nation due to organized crime!

PRAY

1. Pray, first and foremost, for the hearts of those involved with organized crime operations to be transformed by the power of Christ. Pray they would heed the call of the Lord to salvation and live lives of righteousness. (Ezekiel 36:26)
2. Pray for all illegal organized crime activity to be exposed and shut down in our nation, particularly that of mafias, cartels and trafficking networks. (Ephesians 5:11)
3. Pray for funds that are fueling these organizations to be cut off so that they can no longer operate. (Psalm 7:9)
4. Pray for the strongholds of greed and mammon to be broken within these organizations, and declare that the wealth of the wicked is being released to the Body of Christ! (2 Corinthians 10:4)

ACT

1. Become a watchman for your community by reporting suspicious activity.
2. Develop a prayer team that will commit to interceding daily or weekly against organized crime in your city, neighborhood or community. Believe for God to expose it and then watch Him do it!
3. If your heart is for the abolition of human trafficking, [download the FREEDOM! mobile app](#), created by Orphan Secure, and report any activity that would signal the possibility of human trafficking wherever you are.

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“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” - 1 Timothy 6:10

OVERVIEW

While there are not many documented cases of corruption in the banking systems and stock market, there are some areas at risk. In almost every type of financial corruption, the primary motivator is greed.

Due to technological advances used in both banking and trading, corruption can easily fly under the radar; this, mixed with emerging markets in foreign nations and enormous piles of personal and national debt, makes the current financial world an unstable place.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Insider trading**

When people with inside knowledge of a company's quarterly stock files illegally leak information to others, influencing their decision to invest in that company or not. Essentially, it creates an unbalanced playing field for those investing in the stock market. Insider trading is hard to prove, but it must be policed well or it will grow.

- **High frequency trading**

More and more market activity is being done by computer based programs that can make extremely large trades in a split second. This creates the potential for illegal trading to be committed without being noticed.

- **Front running**

This occurs when a stock broker executes a trade while having the knowledge that, subsequently, there will be more trades made on that particular stock. Again, this disrupts what is supposed to be a balanced playing field for companies.

- **Greed**

As mentioned before, greed drives people to ungodly practices. Speculation, get-rich-quick schemes and debt binges (especially margin debt) create massive problems for future generations who have to deal with the aftermath of market crashes.

- **Emerging markets**

Developing economies and financial systems in second and third-world nations are very susceptible to corruption due to their markets lacking the structure and accountability needed in order to keep officials from taking advantage of them.

DAY 9: BANKING SYSTEMS AND THE STOCK MARKET

PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, forgive me for any way that I may have taken advantage of others for financial gain. Help me to value people over money at all times.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Father God, we repent on behalf of the United States for allowing this kind of corruption to take place in our nation's financial systems and ask that You would expose it. Forgive us for not being ethical and honest in our business practices. Help us to maintain strong financial standards in our banks and stock markets.

PRAY

1. Pray for men and women in the economic systems of the United States and worldwide to resist the spirit of greed that opens the door to corruption. (Proverbs 28:25)
2. Pray for American citizens to not get caught up in speculation or get-rich-quick schemes; pray that our nation's people would be financially wise. (1 Timothy 6:10)
3. Pray for the debt bubble in the United States to deflate. (Proverbs 22:7)
4. Pray for emerging markets to not be taken advantage of by corrupt leaders; pray for more structure and accountability to be put in place that would decrease the risk of corruption. (Proverbs 16:12)
5. Pray for believers in the United States to be at peace where they are financially and not be fearful or panic when economic shakings come to the nation. Remember, God always provides for His people! (Philippians 4:19)

ACT

1. Evaluate your own life, and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal any way that you have been greedy or idolized money in your life.
2. Get out of debt! Choose to spend wisely and pay off debts so that you may be financially free.
3. If you own stock in the stock market, do research into companies you've invested into and stock brokers you may be affiliated with. Is there any proven corruption within them? Are they at high risk for corruption? If so, it may be your conviction to discontinue your investments and business dealings with them.

“The Lord detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favor with Him.” - Proverbs 11:1

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Income tax law** is filled with special provisions favoring particular industries or interest groups; additionally, the system employs a graduated tax rate, increasing the amount of taxes paid in proportion to the amount earned, rather than treating everyone equally.¹
 - **Inheritance tax** inappropriately taxes what should pass from one generation to another, violating the biblical principle that parents should leave an inheritance for their children (not the federal government).²
 - The **corporate tax rate** in the U.S. is the highest in the world, resulting in higher prices, lower employment, and businesses relocating overseas.³
 - The **IRS** was meant to enforce tax law for all U.S. citizens equally and not single out taxpayers with opposing views.⁴
 - **The targeting of Christian and conservative groups by the IRS:** the IRS and other government agencies don't have the authority to administer regulations with unequal standards. In additional insult to our constitutional government and principles of checks and balances, no one has been brought to justice over this yet.⁴
 - The IRS recently settled a lawsuit with the Freedom from Religion Foundation by agreeing to **new procedures and protocols for monitoring churches**, including sermon content.⁵
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, first and foremost I ask that You would forgive me if I, in any way, have not been honest in obeying my government by not paying my taxes in full. I also repent for any ways that I have targeted people because their beliefs conflict with mine. Help me to maintain my integrity and love for others.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord God, as citizens of this nation we repent for allowing corruption to exist in our tax structure and ask that You would expose it. We ask for your forgiveness for allowing innocent people to be targeted financially due to differing political or religious views. We also repent for any way that our nation has not honored the law of land in not paying taxes.

DAY 10: TAX STRUCTURE AND IRS

PRAY

1. Pray for truth about motives and actions within our tax systems to be fully revealed. (2 Corinthians 13:8)
2. Pray that our tax system would not ever favor one class over another; ask the Lord to raise up leaders with wisdom for implementing biblical principles into the taxation system. (Ecclesiastes 7:12)
3. Pray that the corporate tax structure would be overhauled to a system less complicated and not graduated, allowing our goods and services to be more competitive with other nations. (Jeremiah 7:57)
4. Pray that those who have misused their power and authority in our business/economy systems to be brought to justice. (Proverbs 21:15)

ACT

1. The Bible is clear that we are to obey authority and the law of the land. Evaluate your finances when it comes to paying your taxes. Have you been honest in paying your taxes fully? Before we can do our part to end any corruption in the tax structure, we need to make sure we are righteously obeying the law of the land in paying taxes.

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“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” - 1 Timothy 2: 1, 2

OVERVIEW

The government sphere of society is massive and far reaching in its influence, as well as being complex in its structure on many levels. Issues pertaining to government corruption can arise anywhere on the spectrum from local to national, even beyond as one considers foreign alliances and affiliates, such as the United Nations.

The clearest pitfall is when the opportunity for power, wealth and influence distracts leaders from their real calling to serve the people who have put them in office and entrusted them with authority.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Lobbying**

There is nothing inherently wrong with lobbying when it is used to provide information and expertise on key issues under consideration by legislative bodies. Problems arise though when political favors, roundabout financial incentives and voters are exchanged for laws favoring a specific agenda.

- **Bribery**

In spite of strict laws prohibiting political bribery, there have been many cases recently of racketeering, fraud, extortion and money laundering particularly, though not exclusively, among big city mayors (for example: former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin).¹

- **Voter fraud**

A Pew Foundation study reports “approximately 24 million one of every eight voter registrations in the United States are no longer valid or are significantly inaccurate. More than 1.8 million deceased individuals are listed as voters. Approximately 2.75 million people have registrations in more than one state”.²

PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I repent if I have not been aware of corruption in the political system. I also ask that You would forgive me if I have not performed my civic duty of voting for righteous politicians.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Oh Lord, we know that you see everything that happens behind closed doors. We stand in the

DAY 11: CORRUPTION IN POLITICS

gap now on behalf of the United States' government and repent for corruption in our political system. Forgive us for cases where pride, selfishness and greed have been the motivators for evil behavior. We seek Your face today, believing that You will heal our political system and expose any corrupt practices taking place.

PRAY

1. Pray for every hidden thing every deal behind closed doors, every fraudulent action, every lie spoken to the American public to be fully exposed. (1 Corinthians 4:5)
2. Pray for leaders to be set in place who despise dishonest gain, whose hearts and motives are pure. (Proverbs 16:2)
3. Pray for wisdom to be released to those who have the power to implement for more efficient and legitimate voter systems. (Proverbs 3:13)
4. As the 2014 midterm elections are approaching and will be held in November, pray for the Church to vote for righteous candidates. (Deuteronomy 1:13)

ACT

1. The biggest way you can act is to vote! [See a list of USRPN voter guides for the 2014 midterm elections](#) (one for each state). This will allow you to know who the candidates are and their beliefs, as well as what steps you need to take to vote.
2. Consider running for a political office in your municipality so that you can be a positive, Christlike influence in your area's political system.

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“For dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations.” - Psalm 22:28

OVERVIEW

There is a vast array of opinions concerning the United Nations, what it does and whether it should even still exist. While we are grateful for the humanitarian efforts of this influential organization, there are vast amounts of resources poured into the United Nations that create high corruption risk.

The U.N. has also become a vehicle for influential and ambitious figures to advance agendas they have been unable to advance within their individual countries; this is the birthplace of the globalist movement and ideas.

The opportunity for corruption within and as a result of the United Nations is enormous, but so is the opportunity for positive impact. As long as the organization continues to exist, prayers on its behalf are essential.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Mismanagement of funds**

A recent investigation revealed that UNICEF handed out tens of millions of dollars in Haiti without proper oversight.¹ Further back, in 2005, one of the greatest humanitarian efforts of the U.N. ended with one of the biggest scandals when senior officials running an oil-for-food program in Iraq were found guilty of receiving kickbacks and accepting bribes.² These are two of the most recent cases, but it is unlikely they were isolated. This is particularly relevant to the United States as our nation is assessed 22 percent of the regular U.N. operating budget and 27 percent of the peacekeeping budget.³

- **Anti-semitism**

The United Nations has a long history of anti-Israel bias, in direct contradiction to the principles of equality outlined in its charter. Israel has been singled out again and again for harsh statements, restrictions and denunciations, even when other nations have had significant atrocities occurring. For instance, while genocide was happening in Sudan from 2006-2007, 22 anti-Israel resolutions were passed while not a single resolution against Sudan was passed.⁴

- **Agenda 21**

Agenda 21 is an action initiative of the United Nations with regard to sustainable development. Its goal is “to integrate economic, social and environmental policies in order to achieve reduced consumption, social equity and the preservation and restoration of biodiversity.”⁵ While it is a voluntary initiative and, therefore, not law in the U.S., proponents of Agenda 21 actively seek to influence laws at all levels to carry out this effort which prizes the environment over humanity. The principles of Agenda 21 in tandem with those in the Earth Charter (a “soft law” document used to promote environmental initiatives worldwide) have roots in Gaia-worship⁶ and have led to extreme overreach, particularly by the Environmental Protection Agency, the dominant enforcer of U.N. driven environmental philosophies in the U.S.⁷

DAY 12: UNITED NATIONS

- **U.N. treaties**

Treaties formed in the United Nations and signed by international leaders pose a corruption risk. In the interest of a global community, treaties often contain language and content that contradict U.S. laws and American values. Thus far, the Supreme Court has upheld the Constitutional principle that foreign treaties do not override the law of the land; however, the treaties can have a strong influence on how U.S. laws are written, amended and interpreted. ⁸

- **Actions of UN peacekeeping forces**

As recently as last year, accusations, charges and lawsuits involving corruption and lawlessness, spreading of deadly diseases, and sexually abusing civilian populations were turning negative attention towards the U.N. ⁹

PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I repent if I have been fearful of stepping out of my comfort zone to reach other nations. I recognize the fact that You are the true healer of nations, not any man-created entity or institution. Give me the courage and wisdom needed to impact the spiritual and social lives of other people wherever You choose to send me!

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Father God, we repent on behalf of our nation for any ungodly alliances made with organizations that are anti-biblical. We ask Your forgiveness for allowing anti-biblical legislation to be passed as well, particularly when influenced by international, anti-biblical ideologies. We declare that corruption in the United Nations will be exposed!

PRAY

1. Pray for U.N. leadership to make wise decisions when it comes to money and personnel management. (Proverbs 24:3)
2. Pray for any external or internal forces that negatively influence U.N. operations throughout the globe to be exposed and eliminated. (Ephesians 5:11)
3. Pray that U.S. lawmakers would not be influenced by antibiblical U.N. treaties or policies in their legislative proposals and creation. (Proverbs 14:34)
4. Pray that U.N. peacekeepers would be disciplined, not subject to immoral and harmful behavior or corrupt activity. (Proverbs 15:32)

DAY 12: UNITED NATIONS

5. Pray for successful U.N. projects that will provide quality humanitarian and environmental aid without harming, manipulating, or taking advantage of any nation's citizens and/or laws. (Proverbs 2:7)

ACT

1. If your church has not provided humanitarian aid in your community or other nations, consider volunteering to develop this part of your church's outreach or missions program.
2. Keep updated on legislation being developed in your state that would favor anti-biblical principles and then call your legislator or sign a petition to oppose its passage.

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“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” – Jeremiah 17:9

OVERVIEW

Cynical views of law enforcement officials often perceive them as power-hungry, intent on violating civil rights and making lives miserable. Unfortunately, there are isolated cases where this is true; however, before we begin exploring corruption in law enforcement, it's very important to state that most law enforcement officials whether on the federal or local level believe in their jobs as security providers and hold deeply to honorable convictions when it comes to protecting people and enforcing the law of the land.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **Profit skimming**
This occurs when an officer skims money from the top of drug dealers' profits and, in return, allows those dealers to function in a geographic location.
 - **Personal services**
This could include soliciting prostitutes or buying narcotics from criminals. At times, officers can even be paid in prostitution or drugs to look the other way and allow crime to occur.
 - **Mafia relations**
Usually this begins casually. There have been instances in the past where officers are given free meals or drinks at mafia-controlled restaurants in order for them to stay out of that particular mafia's business. As the relationship progresses, officers may be invited to participate in illegal gambling activities which can turn into doing favors for the organized crime groups.
 - **Systemic corruption**
Although not common, it is possible for corruption in law enforcement to be systemic. This means the corruption flows from leadership down, forcing, influencing or coercing lower positions to participate.
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I ask that You would forgive me if I, in any way, have usurped authority for my own gain. I pray that You would teach me to be respectful of authority at all times.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, we stand in repentance on behalf of the United States for allowing corruption to occur in law

DAY 13: LAW ENFORCEMENT

enforcement. Forgive us, oh God, for not creating the accountability needed to ensure integrity and honesty within our law enforcement system. Expose any corruption occurring in law enforcement, and bring to justice those are operating in corrupt ways.

PRAY

1. Pray for the hearts of our law enforcement officials to not be influenced by corruption, and for their eyes to be opened to salvation found in Christ. (1 John 1:9)
2. Pray for conviction to fall on those who are participating in corruption in law enforcement, and for all corruption to be exposed. (John 1:5)
3. Pray for better accountability systems to be implemented in law enforcement structures that would prevent corruption from occurring. (Luke 17:3)
4. Pray for the families of law enforcement officers. Declare that the spirits of addiction, divorce, and adultery be broken, and pray for God's hand of protection to be over them. (Psalm 91)

ACT

1. Commit to praying daily for law enforcement officers in your area.
2. Contact your local police station to see how you can get involved and support police officers as a civilian.
3. If you know any law enforcement officers, consider reaching out and developing a deeper relationship with them. Allow them to share their struggles with you, pray for them and watch God use you make a positive impact in their lives!

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” - Amos 5:24

OVERVIEW

In the United States, judges are asked to set aside gender or racial prejudice, personal experience and emotion when hearing a case and to look specifically at the law in making a decision; however, this is not always reflected in today’s court decisions. Re-creating and changing the meaning of the Constitution and our laws is a prime example of the corruption that runs rampant through our judicial system.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **First Amendment violations**

More and more cases have been making headlines over the last few years regarding what is considered a violation of the Church’s right to free speech. For example, last year a humanist group in Lake Elsinore, California, successfully halted the construction of a memorial to fallen soldiers depicting a cross on it in a city-owned baseball stadium, citing that it violated the separation of church and state. This wrongly-interpreted part of the constitution only aids the eroding of our nation’s Christian principles and, when backed by judges who may possess anti-Christian biases, makes it very difficult to win these cases. ¹

- In the United States, organizations such as the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), which claims to be a non-partisan interest group, have a history of **pushing homosexual agenda** items into courtrooms, bringing lawsuits and cases which challenge traditional marriage and family values. Oftentimes the courts rule in favor of these agendas, meanwhile costing believers and their businesses thousands of dollars in fees..

- **Roe v. Wade**

While the Constitution clearly prohibits the state from depriving “any person of life, liberty, or property,” justices created new precedents to include abortion within the parameters of privacy.

- **Two Christian bakers in Oregon were recently convicted** of violating the civil rights of a gay couple when they declined to bake a cake for their wedding. They were fined over a hundred thousand dollars for their “crime.” ²
- There have been recent cases of **federal judges overruling state marriage laws** by lifting bans on same-sex marriages. Although federal law is higher than state law, the fact that the majority of these states’ citizens favor biblical marriage demonstrates the unwillingness of many federal judges to respect state rights and legislation and, instead, favor ungodly agendas.

PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I ask that You would forgive me if I have, in any way, been unjust to other people. I also repent for any way that I have treated others wrongly just because they have differing

DAY 14: JUDICIAL SYSTEM

viewpoints or beliefs from my own. Help me to love all people regardless of their beliefs.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Oh God, we know how important justice is to Your heart. On behalf of our nation, we repent for voting for unjust judges who rule according to personal opinion instead of moral truth. Forgive us for allowing corruption and injustice to preside within our courts. By Your justice, we ask that You would expose corruption in our judicial system.

PRAY

1. Pray for our justices and judges to pursue righteousness that transcends earthly measures of justice. (Proverbs 28:2)
2. Pray for our lawmakers to create laws would truly reflect divine truth and justice. (Proverbs 29:18)
3. Pray for the protection of godly people who are brought to court unjustly. (Isaiah 41:10)
4. Pray for ungodly agendas that are being advanced in the judicial system to be completely defeated. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)
5. Pray that God would expose all corruption in the judicial system. (Ephesians 5:13)

ACT

Is the Lord calling you to be a part of the lawmaking or judicial process? **Get started:**

1. Stand against community initiatives (such as NDOs: Non-discrimination ordinances) which force endorsement of immoral activity and create avenues for frivolous lawsuits against Christians.
2. Take an active role in the lawmaking process by running for your local school board, city council, county commission, state legislature, or other local office.
3. Lend a hand to those who are targeted by corrupt lawsuits or civil complaints.

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“Children are a heritage from the reward, offspring a reward from Him.” - Psalm 127:3

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- Every year, the **abortion industry brings in \$831 million**. This is a business that is about profits far more than it is about women’s health. ¹
 - **Planned Parenthood, America’s largest abortion provider, has consistently engaged in illegal actions**, such as covering up statutory rape, aiding and abetting commercial sexual exploitation and facilitating abortions based solely on the sex of the child. ²
 - **Planned Parenthood frequently misleads and lies to women** regarding the development of the baby, the risks of abortion and the processes of adoption and parenting; they also consistently lobby against any law or effort that could potentially limit abortion, even if it is in the best interest of women. (2)
 - There have been multiple cases of abortionists keeping unsanitary facilities, using unsafe methods, covering up botched abortions or injured women and other questionable practices; as a whole, **the abortion industry is not well regulated**. The most well-known of these case was the high profile Kermit Gosnell case; however, there are likely many others. ³
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I repent if I, in any way, have not valued children in my nation. I also ask that You would forgive me if I have been silent on the issue or ignored the atrocities of abortion. Use me as a voice for life!

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, we humbly approach You today in repentance on behalf of the United States. Forgive us, oh God, for the murder of innocent babies in the womb! We repent for even supporting this in our legislation and by popular opinion in many cases. Cleanse our hands from this evil, heal our land and expose corruption in the abortion industry!

PRAY

1. Pray for the prolife momentum in our nation to continue to increase. (Deuteronomy 30:19)
2. Pray that Planned Parenthood would no longer be able to hide behind money and lies; pray for the government to completely defund them. (Proverbs 12:22)

DAY 15: ABORTION

3. Pray for a wave of repentance to come over abortionists, that their eyes would be opened and they would no longer be able to participate in taking human life. (Proverbs 1:23)

ACT

1. Consider volunteering at local pregnancy centers or adoption organizations.
2. Attend prolife rallies and participate in raising awareness regarding the atrocities of abortion.
3. If you know anyone considering aborting their child, be a loving voice that would encourage them to either keep the child or put him/her up for adoption.
4. If you are established well in your finances and marriage, consider becoming an adoptive parent yourself!

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“Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.” - Proverbs 20:17

OVERVIEW

Newspapers, blogs, citizen journalism, TV news, social media, Youtube, online news, photojournalism, magazines, news apps unfortunately, the expansion and innovation of technology can come at a price. For many media companies, news is no longer driven by quality of content.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- With the move to online media and plummeting readership, news organizations can feel forced to rely on **flashy headlines and exaggerated storylines to heighten viewership numbers** at the cost of accuracy and truth.
 - For example, MSNBC is one of the top news reporting agencies in the nation, but according to the Pew Research Center, **85% of their reporting is opinion**, although people generally accept what is reported as fact.¹
 - Editors are also faced with many challenges. Aside from deadlines and story quotas, **editors must strive to please the media giants** who own their papers. This can mean reporting from a specific perspective, choosing some sources over others, or giving a candidate or special interest group unequal focus over another to meet a certain objective or agenda.
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, forgive me if I, in any way, have not been completely truthful or honest in areas of my life. I ask that You would help me uphold my integrity and word, and not be afraid of speaking or demonstrating honesty in my life.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, we repent on behalf of our nation for allowing dishonest and corrupt reporting in our media. Forgive us for being influenced by false information and developing wrong opinions because of it. We ask that You would uncover and expose this by Your righteous hand.

DAY 16: CORRUPT REPORTING

PRAY

1. Pray that the eyes of the public will be opened to agenda-driven news and that truth will prevail. (2 Kings 6:17)
2. Pray for the success of the news organizations who are making an honest attempt to report truth and fact. (Proverbs 12:22)
3. Pray for more Christian news outlets to arise that would report truth and accuracy while glorifying God in their work. (2 Corinthians 8:21)

ACT

1. Educate yourself on the news outlets who are known to be selective and agenda-driven in their message. Do your own research when it comes to items like choosing a political candidate or supporting an important piece of legislation.

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“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.” - Proverbs 11:3

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- One of the primary factors enabling corruption in the media industry is a lack of accountability; **few avenues exist to challenge poor reporting**. The public is the main source of checks and balances; however, many have neither the time nor interest to pursue charges against an organization.
 - Many media giants either **have not implemented or do not enforce accountability policies** that keep outlets from reporting falsely.
 - Media companies control thousands of organizations, social networking sites, web browsers, software and graphics companies. This means that news and other similar organizations can be limited in what they are able report about certain issues. For example, a reporter might feel compelled to report a child labor case tied to a certain company, but fail to report on the matter because **their parent organization owns the company**. This would damage the reputation of the parent organization and create a loss in revenue.
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Lord God, I ask that You would forgive me if I have not taken steps to ensure that I have strong accountability in my life that would keep me from moral corruption. Help me to trust in others for their accountability that I may be pure in my living.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Father God, we repent on behalf of our nation for failing to develop secure accountability systems in our media sphere that would keep media giants from overstepping their boundaries. Forgive us for not caring enough to ensure honesty and integrity in our media. We ask that You would expose corrupt practices in our nation's media.

PRAY

1. Pray that editors, journalists, and reporters would have courage and boldness in the workplace and that God's heart will be made evident through their work. (Proverbs 28:1)
2. Pray for more accountability structures to be developed and enforced by media corporations. (Proverbs 10:9)

DAY 17: LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND REGULATION IN MEDIA

3. Pray that God would expose any corrupt activity by news outlets and giants that withholds the truth from being reported. (Ephesians 5:13)
4. Pray for large companies who influence or take away the rights of others for their own agenda and/or financial gain to be closely evaluated and held accountable. (Psalm 106:3)

ACT

1. Write letters to the editor or guest columns to hold news organizations accountable for the content they publish.
2. Encourage believers to get involved in media. In order to change and challenge the apparent liberal bias and corruptive journalism methods taking over our media system, we need to encourage people of integrity to pursue places of authority and influence.

“But Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’” - Luke 18:16

OVERVIEW

There is little question that the Arts and Entertainment industry in the United States has a powerful influence on culture, not only in our own nation, but around the globe. People are quick to point out the moral corruption in the products released by this industry, but there are actually systems of corruption woven into the fiber of this sphere, easily covered up by the glamour of being rich and famous.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- Recent charges brought against a high profile Hollywood director and several other industry moguls have highlighted **an ongoing issue with child abuse in the entertainment world.** ¹
 - Experts say **predators and pedophiles** are more rampant than ever; parents are often reluctant to bring charges if and when they find out for fear of ruining their child’s acting career or the perpetrator’s reputation. ²
 - Corey Feldman, an actor and survivor of childhood sexual abuse in Hollywood, has publicly shared: “I can tell you that **the No. 1 problem in Hollywood was and is and always will be pedophilia.**” ³
 - The drive for fame, the adult world child actors are thrown into, and the lack of genuine adult supervision in many aspects of entertainment life create an overwhelming **vulnerability for children and teenagers** pursuing acting careers. ³
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, forgive me if I, in any way, have not stood up against the sexual abuse of children in my community, church, or even family if it exists. Open my eyes to recognize the abuse of children around me that I may be an agent for Kingdom justice!

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, we ask Your forgiveness on behalf of the nation for the sin of pedophilia, particularly in Hollywood. We repent for this blatant immorality that victimizes and confuses children, and ask that You would expose and eliminate it in Hollywood.

DAY 18: PEDOPHILIA IN HOLLYWOOD

PRAY

1. Pray that pedophiles will no longer be able to hide behind money and fame, but will be exposed and brought to justice. (Psalm 103:6)
2. Pray that victims and their parents will have the courage to speak up. Pray also that victims would experience the healing power of God and find salvation in Him. (Deuteronomy 31:6)
3. Pray for other states to pass legislation preventing registered sex offenders from working with children in the entertainment industry. As of October 2013, California was the only state to have this law in place. (Proverbs 18:5)

ACT

1. If you know any children who you suspect may be suffering from sexual and/or physical abuse, carefully and prayerfully speak with them and/or their parents about your concerns. While it is important to not accuse anyone of abusing a child, your concerns may be what ends the suffering of a child.
2. Consider taking classes that will aid you in recognizing and helping abused children.

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OVERVIEW

Sex sells. Particularly when it's glorified in a manner that dehumanizes its participants and attracts both men and women of all ages. The pornography industry in the United States has increased in unprecedented ways over the last two decades, which can be largely accredited to technological advances (such as the creation of the internet).

In Day 2 of this prayer guide we gave some statistics of pornography use on a personal level; however, the porn industry's effect on society as a whole and its corrupt practices are more than eye-opening.

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- **The pornography industry abuses people for its own gain.** Although porn actors willingly engage in creating porn, the abuse and trauma that they go through is horrific. Men and women are subject to not only psychological and emotional abuse, but physical abuse as well. Many times in hardcore porn scenes, women are choked, slapped, pushed and called obscenities of all sorts. And this is apart from the already brutal and unnatural sexual acts they have to perform. To cope with this, many become addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. Unfortunately, some of them commit suicide or die from sexually transmitted diseases.¹
 - **Some adult websites steal from their consumers.** According to researchers who presented at a 2010 Harvard symposium on information security, 3.23 percent of 269,000 pornographic websites were laden with viruses, spyware and adware which puts the personal information of consumers at risk.²
 - **Pornography fuels and acts as a platform for human trafficking.** Many times criminal human trafficking organizations use pornographic websites to advertise to their clients or make money from videos where trafficking victims were forced to film themselves having sex.³ [Read a more indepth article on the link between porn and human trafficking](#) from our Freedom 21 anti-trafficking prayer initiative in 2013.
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I ask that You would forgive me if I, in any way, have participated in consuming pornographic material which aids corruption in the porn industry. I repent for my ungodly actions, and ask that You would strengthen me to remain pure; when tempted, open my eyes to the personal and societal consequences of consuming pornography.

DAY 19: THE PORN INDUSTRY

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, we repent on behalf of the nation for allowing pornography to enter into our homes and churches. Forgive us for the objectifying women, the abuse of individuals for profit and the idolatry of sexual sin. As the biggest producer and exporter of pornography in the world, we also repent for causing other nations to sin because of our unbridled appetites. Expose the pornography industry for what it is, and end its corruption of our society.

PRAY

1. Pray for the porn industry to lose its foothold in American society. Declare that our nation is a purified nation under the blood of Jesus! (Psalm 33:12)
2. Pray that corruption in the industry would be exposed. This includes the mistreatment of men and women, the abuse of consumers and their personal information and its ties with human trafficking. (Mark 4:22)
3. Pray for men in our nation to not be controlled by their lustful desires that lead to the degradation and objectifying of women and the breakdown of their families. (Psalm 119:37)

ACT

1. Monitor your children's time on the internet as well as the content that they are viewing. It would also be good to discuss the dangers of pornography with them. A great resource for this is Josh McDowell's book, [Just 1 Click Away](#).
2. Protect yourself and your family by installing online accountability programs such as [X3Watch](#) or [Covenant Eyes](#).

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“Do not take advantage of each other, but fear your God. I am the Lord your God.” - Leviticus 25:17

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- In the quest for success, people in the arts and entertainment industry are often willing to do anything, especially to land that first big break; this desperation is regularly exploited, fueling tendencies toward **mental health problems and addictive behaviors.** ¹
 - **“Casting couches”** are very much a reality; this phrase refers to the practice of aspiring actors/actresses being coerced into performing sexual favors in order to get their big debut in the industry. ²
 - In the **music industry**, record labels, producers, and agents are often generating billions by exploiting musicians themselves; this can include studio and touring costs that outweigh royalties, stolen copyrights, and hidden contract costs, among other things. The financial corruption in the music industry runs deep and unfortunately has come to be considered standard practice by many the dues one has to pay for a musical career. ³
 - **Women are particularly exploited** in this industry, whether expected to perform sexual behaviors as a means to success or being used as marketing tools because of the mantra, “Sex sells.” ⁴
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I ask that You would forgive me for any way that I have taken advantage of others, or exploited them for any reason. If I have mistreated people in any way, I ask that You would reveal it to me and help me to walk in love towards every person I know.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Lord, on behalf of the nation we ask Your forgiveness for the mistreatment of others. We repent for not valuing individuals and their gifts and, instead, exploiting them for our own gain. Expose the corruption of mistreating others for personal or financial profit and shine Your light in our entertainment industry!

PRAY

1. Pray for the exploitive practices in Hollywood to be exposed and dealt with, that people would not turn a blind eye just for the sake of entertainment. (Job 12:22)

DAY 20: ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY USING PEOPLE AS COMMODITIES

2. Pray for influential people to bring reform to the music industry, that the new standard would be treating people well and giving honor where it is due. (Proverbs 8:18)
3. Pray for a new culture that affirms human dignity and worth to sweep over the arts and entertainment world. (Philippians 2:3)

ACT

1. Evaluate your own life and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any way that you may have taken advantage of people. If so, make it right with all involved.
2. If you are a pastor or church leader, allow the Holy Spirit to show you where you may be taking advantage of someone's gifts, talents or calling.
3. Guard yourself from being influenced by Hollywood's low moral standards. You may need to give up certain movies or TV shows but it will be worth it for your relationship with Christ and your family.

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“The greedy bring ruin to their households, but the one who hates bribes will live.” - Proverbs 15:27

AREAS TO CONSIDER

- The FCPA is a US federal law known primarily for addressing accounting transparency requirements and bribery of foreign officials; it is not restricted to money, but includes anything of value. ¹
 - As the imagination of Hollywood stories takes the movie industry all over the world, filmmakers are often willing to employ “any means necessary” to fulfill their artistic vision; this often includes bribes and money paid illegally to gain access to particular areas, street closures, personnel, etc. ²
 - These illegal funds frequently fuel illicit activity in already broken, corrupt systems, sending an unofficial but powerful message of approval.
 - Some countries limit the number of foreign films allowed (China is one example); film corporations have been guilty of bribing governments to get their movie selected, increasing their profits on a global scale. ²
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PERSONAL REPENTANCE

Father God, I repent if I have manipulated people or systems in order to get what I want. I repent for any selfishness that I may have harbored that would motivate me to act in this way.

CORPORATE REPENTANCE

Oh God, on behalf of the United States we repent for allowing any form of manipulation of people and money in our society. Expose any financial corruption in the entertainment realm, and teach us to walk in integrity and humility with one another, honoring one another over our own selfish desires.

PRAY

1. Pray that the wealth in Hollywood would be handled with honesty and integrity. (Proverbs 11:3)
2. Pray that our influence and wealth as a nation would no longer be used to enforce broken and corrupt systems. (Proverbs 22:16)
3. Pray for any and all corruption in Hollywood, including violations of the FCPA, to be exposed (Ephesians 5:13)

DAY 21: FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

ACT

1. Do research on your own to see if any TV shows, movies and other entertainment programs you watch have violated the FCPA in any way. If you feel it's your conviction, boycott them so you are not supporting this kind of corruption.

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