# **General Prayer of Repentance**

### Pastor:

Heavenly Father, Lord, You are good; Your steadfast love endures forever, and Your faithfulness to all generations <u>(Ps 100</u>:5, ESV).

# Congregation:

We come to You, our Creator, our God, our Lord Jesus Christ. You are God of the Old and New Testaments.

# Pastor:

Lord, today, we unite with fellow Christians across America, from many denominations and backgrounds, falling to our knees before You, asking You to help us humble ourselves, not only today, but every day.

#### Congregation:

Hear our prayers, forgive our sins and heal our land (2 Chr 7:14)!

### Pastor:

We have been a proud and arrogant people and nation. You have blessed us, but we have taken Your blessing for granted (Jas 4:6; 1 Pet 5:5-6)

# Congregation:

You are worthy of our love and devotion. But we have forgotten You and ignored Your Word. Forgive us Lord (Ps 18; Rev 4:11).

# Pastor:

We have forgotten you, forsaken You, the Spring of Living water, and we have chosen to love the world and the things of the world. (Pr 12:24; Jer 2:13; Mt 4:10; Jn 4:34; 1 Th 5:17; 2 Tim 2:15).

### Congregation:

As Your people, Forgive us Lord.

### Pastor:

You call us to be a light, to live holy lives, to walk in Christian love and carry You and Your gospel to the nations.

# Congregation:

We've been afraid to share Your Word and Love with our neighbors or we've been complacent. Forgive us Lord.

## Pastor:

You command us to bring up our children in Your way, but we haven't and our youth are leaving the faith. Jesus, too often we have been complacent, apathetic, lazy, disobedient, and unfaithful to Your call (Mt 5:14-16).

# Congregation:

You charge us to be salt to our families, our culture, to preserve truth and all that is godly and pure. But we haven't been. Forgive us Lord.

#### <u>Pastor:</u>

Instead of changing the world, the world has changed us. We've failed to be the salt of the earth, to lift You up, to be the light of the world (Mt 5:13).

### Congregation:

Forgive us Lord, we pray.

### Pastor:

Our Forefathers with their love and devotion to their children and to future generations sacrificed their lives for us. Yet we have become the "me generation."

#### Congregation:

We elect leaders to give us benefits. We have lost sight living for You, our family, helping our fellow countrymen to know Your love (Pr 29:2; Ex 18:21).

### ALL: FORGIVE US LORD.

### Pastor:

Now, our nation is under judgment; natural disasters, war; some other nations hate us, international terrorists have penetrated our borders.

We have Economic collapse and turmoil; preachers and politicians are seen for acts of corruption and immorality. Our jails and prisons are filled to overflowing. Our adults and children are enslaved by sin, sex, drugs and alcohol.

# CONGREGATION:

FORGIVE US LORD

### Pastor:

Abortion and sexual immorality have become protected rights; evil is called good, and good is called evil. We've allowed man to define marriage instead of You. For the lust, the division, the murder of our young,

# ALL:

Lord, we cry out to You today. Hear our cry. We seek Your Face. We turn from our wicked ways (2 Chr 7:14).

Lord, Heal our Land. Forgive us our sins and cleanse us! Revive Your churches and our nation, we pray.

## Pastor:

Set our pulpits aflame with righteousness. Purge compromise from our pews and cause Your word to go forth to every city and town in America.

# Congregation:

Make Your people salt and light again. Raise up godly leaders in church and state and grant that we might lead quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty.

# <u> ALL:</u>

We return wholly to You; return, Lord, to us. We pray in the Name of Jesus, Amen

(2 Chr 7:14; Is 40:8; Joel 2:15-18; Mal 3:7a; 2 Cor 7:1; 1 Jn 1:9)

And now by faith we receive Your mercy, Your forgiveness, and your NEW DAY FOR AMERICA. AMEN.