

“One Nation Under God”

Lord, today we lift up America in its time of national grief and pain.

ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

Reach down with your healing touch and send peace to those who lost so much. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

We pray for each of our leaders, that they may look to You in what steps they need to take. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

May they seek wisdom that comes from you and not our best logic or understanding. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

As we gather today, our hearts go out to all who lost someone dear to them on 9-11 ... either in New York, in Washington DC or even in a field in rural Pennsylvania and beyond. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

Really, each of us lost something that day – our innocence, our way of thinking, or even our sense of security. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

Each of us gained something that day as well – our sense of patriotism, our gratitude for those who serve, and our appreciation for freedoms we often take for granted. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

We also remember those who rose from those ashes: the heroes who answered the call to serve, to protect, to search, and to rebuild. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

America is special, Lord, but not because of its wealth, or its military, or its land. It's special because we are a land of hope. A land of faith. A land of courage. A land of dreams. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

America, Lord, was founded on Your principles of freedom and compassion. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

Your righteous right hand has made America great – not our Presidents. Not our government. Not our citizens. It has been by your grace alone. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

We often have drifted far away from those principles and slid into all kinds of immorality, laziness, selfishness, slavery, racism, sexism, greed and so many things that have made us proud and even arrogant. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

As we gather today, Lord, help us to repent of those things that stand in the way of us truly being ... **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

Help us to turn to you as our shield and protector, our guide and provider. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

We are your people – called by your name – humbled and seeking your face – help us to turn from our own wickedness and our own pride. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

Hear us now, O God, and may Heaven echo our prayer – and may you heal our land. **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

Help us to not only see ourselves as followers of the way, the truth and the life – but may it truly be so in everything we do. Help us once again become ... **ONE NATION UNDER GOD.**

The Day Everything Changed

Flushing
community church

September 11, 2012 | “When Evil Wins”

Pastor Terry Bate

How has evil claimed some victories in your life?

*Evil, as relentless as it is, can only be victorious in our life,
if we _____ to be!*

*What **discoveries** can we make about
life experiences as we look at the character of **Joseph**?*

God was _____ him.

His trust was _____ and not in _____.

*My personal **reflections** on today's challenge ...*



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Digging Deeper

[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 9.12.2011

Prayer Focus: Police Departments

Passage: Genesis 37

Insight: *Our reading this week will be the story of Joseph (the same one that Pastor Terry spoke of yesterday). Take some time to read this chapter which really tells so much of the story. What do you notice about his brothers? What do you notice about his father? How do you think you would respond if you were Joe?*

My Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 9.13.2011

Prayer Focus: Fire Fighters & First Responders

Passage: Genesis 39

Insight: *For Joseph, Egypt might as well have been on another planet. He had never been so far away from home. The land was completely different and it's customs had to be a real adjustment. But through it all, he left his faith in God. Even when given the opportunity, he remained focused on honoring God.*

My Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 9.14.2011

Prayer Focus: Medical Professionals

Passage: Genesis 40

Insight: *Broken promises. They are a part of life. Joe was promised help from the cupbearer once he was reinstated to his position but he forgot about Joe and broke his promise. I really believe he had great intentions but simply couldn't deliver. Do you give grace to those who break promises around you? Or do you allow experience to rob you of the joy that could be waiting for you?*

My Reflections: _____

Thursday: 9.15.2011

Prayer Focus: Flushing City & Township leaders

Passage: Genesis 41

Insight: *When the Pharaoh calls, life changes. Joe knew that his life was either going to get really nice or it was going to be over by the end of the day. With God's help, we see that things started to finally turn in Joe's favor. God's timing was perfect because a famine was coming and God needed Joe to do his job and save God's special people!*

My Reflections: _____

Friday: 9.16.2011

Prayer Focus: Our President & Federal Government

Passage: Genesis 45

Insight: *Can you imagine the reunion that took place once Joe revealed himself? Can you imagine how the brothers explained themselves to the dad? Maybe none of that mattered because everyone was so overjoyed at God's plan being revealed. Waiting on God is the best way to!*

My Reflections: _____
