

# ASKING POINT

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*He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just.  
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He. Deut. 32:4*

## Hope of the Nations

*In His name the nations will put their hope. Matthew 12:21*

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



*The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying,  
'I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.'*  
Jeremiah 31:3

"America! America! God shed His grace on thee . . ." Centuries ago a new land was sought to freely worship the only God. Many gave their lives for this pursuit. As a result, America became the super power of the day. Every nation looked to her for a blueprint of integrity and freedom. America exported the blessings of God. As God was pursued, He was found. Waves of His grace covered the land, reviving the Church and saving the lost. Today, we are still considered a super power but we no longer pursue the only God in worship. Along with our abundance from a gracious God, we now export depravity instead of the kingdom of God. As King Nebuchadnezzar found out, there is a super power above us—the Most High God. It is His mercy and grace that longs for America to be who He created her to be—a reflection of His glory. It is His love for us alone that keeps us. He will do anything to save us, to return us to Himself. - continued next page -

## The World from God's Perspective

*I have longed to gather. Matthew 23:37*

### Give a CHRISTmas gift to Children

*"Children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. . . . Jesus said, 'Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:13-14*

Throughout the world, multitudes of children and teenagers live in marginalized communities—separated from the rest of the society, forced to occupy the fringes and edges. God knows the number of hairs on each one of their heads. They are precious in His sight. Consider those in your area alone. Ask God to show you what they endure in their particular circumstances. What are their specific needs? Food? Clothing? Homes? Compassionate caregivers? Health care? Education? Law enforcement?

**Give these children a Christmas gift of prayer.** Take their needs to God. In addition, adopt another group outside your context (children of some other nation, city or people group).

Take both these groups of children before the Lord, trusting **He hears your cries, as well as theirs.** (Genesis 21:17)

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## God in Community

*I come in the Name of the Lord Almighty. 1 Samuel 17:45*

### Being the Bride

*"He who has the bride is the bridegroom . . ."*  
John 3:29

He who is the Faithful and True witness, Who testifies faithfully and truthfully to all He sees—sees us. He is also the Lover of our soul. His unfathomable love for His bride will not let her go. Hear His compassionate yearning through this our last letter in the book of Revelation, and ASK for His bride.

*"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:  
**The Amen, the faithful and true Witness,  
the Beginning of the creation of God,**  
says this:*

*'I know your deeds . . .*

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**...receive from Him  
anything we ask, because we obey  
His commands and do what pleases Him...**

**1 John 3:22**

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"Therefore, behold, **I will allure her, bring her into the wilderness and speak kindly to her.** Then I will give her her vineyards from there, and **the valley of Achor as a door of hope.** And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt. It will come about in that day," declares the LORD, "That **you will call Me Ishi [my husband]** and will no longer call Me Baali [my master]." Hosea 2:14-16

Let us ask for His American bride to respond to Him.

### ASK:

for pastors — Exodus 34

for the Church — "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27



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"This is the generation of those who seek Him,

**who seek Your face,**

O God of Jacob. Selah."

Psalm 24:6

"From generation to generation His mercy is on those who fear Him."

Luke 1:50

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CHRISTmas gift to children continued . . .

### ASK God for:

- **Saving encounters with Jesus.** "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:14
- **The Church to fulfill its God-given responsibility.** "Do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:17 ~ "For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me . . . to the extent that you did it to one of these . . . even the least of them, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:35-40
- **Caregivers for abandoned children.** "I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the orphan who had no helper." Job 29:12
- **Exposure of those who traffic children.** "Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, and the prey of the tyrant will be rescued; for I will contend with the one who contends with you, and I will save your sons." Isaiah 49:25
- **Hungry children to be fed.** "When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for . . . the orphan . . . in order that the LORD your God may bless you . . ." Deuteronomy 24:19
- **Adequate law enforcement and child protection.** "'I will be a swift witness against . . . those who oppress . . . the orphan, and . . . do not fear Me,' says the LORD of hosts." Malachi 3:5
- **Education to be provided and pursued.** "Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser. Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning." Proverbs 9:9

ask for Israel

"Many nations shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.'"

Micah 4:2

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Being the Bride continued . . .

**'I know** your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

Because **you say**, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and **you do not know** that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked . . .

I advise you to buy from Me **gold refined by fire** so that you may become rich, and **white garments** so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and **eye salve to anoint your eyes** so that you may see.

**Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline;** therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; **if anyone hears My voice and opens the door,** I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.**" Revelation 3:14-22

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



ask for His Bride

**"But God, being rich in mercy,**  
because of His great love with which He loved us,  
even when we were dead in our transgressions,  
made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) . . ."

Ephesians 2:4-5