

Prayer For My Nation

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Heavenly Father, we come to your throne of grace in the name of your son Jesus Christ. We come to you with fear and brokenness in our hearts.

We, Nagas as a nation have failed you and have put our desires and aspirations above your will and purposes. We have been overtly patriotic but cowardly divided and nefarious in factions.

As tribes, we have offended you by demonizing the other tribe by calling each other fools and by giving one another; stones instead of bread and snakes instead of fish.

As families and individuals, we have misguided our children and have dishonour ourselves, by telling half-truth, by living comfortably at the expense of someone's sweat and blood, and for being apathetic to the need around us.

We have offended you, by priding over our nationalism and by faking spiritual claims and prophecies, we have misquoted your words and have use it to serve our own ends, we have used it to threaten others, to degrade others and make ourselves feel closer to you.

We seek for your forgiveness and healing among us, turn our hearts away from different idols that we have created as a nation and individuals.

Today we seek your divine guidance and purpose to renew our hope, vision and aspiration of being a family, a tribe and a nation.

As your word says in Psalm 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." We ask you to be the builder and protector of this feeble nation.

We beseech your sovereign rule to guard, guide and govern us so that we will serve our people with love and respect, with dignity and clarity in our minds. We ask of your unfailing love to be staple in our lives, to be the source of our speech and thought, in the deeds we perform.

Help us to be humble and consider others better than us, so that we rise each day to perform better and stronger. Help us to speak the truth in love, hate what is evil and do what is righteous in everyday of our lives.

Give us wisdom and enlarge our vision of embracing the other by appreciating the good in them and discarding the bad. Help us to practice honesty by being truthful in our daily activities and object lies and hypocrisy.

May you never hesitate to rebuke and reprove us, but not in your anger only by your grace, less you reduce us to nothing. Amen.

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