

"A Prayer for Our Nation"

Sunday, July 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND!

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

Pastor Jonathan DeCou

Psalm 80:1-19

BIG IDEA: Don't just cry for our Nation, pray for our Nation.

*"Restore us, God;
make Your face shine on us,
so that we may be saved."
Psalm 80:3 (CSB)*



Our NATION has LOST its WAY. (v3a, 7a, 19a)

- Our NATION needs a CHANGE of DIRECTION.
- Only GOD can bring about the CHANGES our NATION needs.
 - Because He is GOD.
 - Because He is GOD of ARMIES.
 - Because He is LORD, GOD of ARMIES.



REPENTANCE brings the PROMISE of BLESSING.

(v3b, 7b, 19b)

- God wants to give His FAVOR and PROTECTION.
- God wants to give His PRESENCE and GRACE.
- God wants to give His PRESENCE and PEACE.



God's GOAL for the Nation is REDEMPITIVE. (v3c, 7c, 19c)

- God provides POSITIONAL SALVATION.
- God provides PRACTICAL SALVATION.
- God provides PERFECTED SALVATION.

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Read: Re-read Psalm 80:1-19.

Think: Consider the moral and spiritual trajectory of our Nation, then ask yourself the following questions: *How is America like a wandering lost flock of sheep? Does God judge our country today? If so, in what ways? If not, why not? How is America like a neglected and ransacked vineyard? What does the Psalmist mean by asking God to "Restore us"? What conditions does God expect in order to bring His blessing to His people? What do you make of the Psalmist's "crescendo" of Names for God in v3, 7 & 19? What is it that God delivers us "from"? And what is it that God delivers us "to"?*

Do: Describe the direction of your life: Right on track in the right direction, taking a detour right now, going the wrong direction, lost without a clue. Ask God to bless your life as you live in humility, faith, and obedience before Him. In what ways do you need to experience God's salvation today?