

The Apostle Paul admonished the church at Thessalonica to “Pray without ceasing”. (Thessalonians 5:17). The opportunity and responsibility of every Christian today is to keep alive the fires of prayer. There are those who would prefer that the fires of prayer would go out. Some actually pour water on the fires of prayer. One day, they will regret this. When they are on their deathbed, and without hope, then they will be glad for prayer to be made on their behalf.

I once read of a girl in college who sat down with five other girls in the cafeteria. It was her habit to offer thanks for the food, which she did in their presence. When she ended her prayer, one of the girls laughed. “Why did you laugh? Aren’t you thankful?” asked the girl who prayed. “For what?” asked the girl who had laughed. “We paid for the food”.

The girl who prayed reminded them all that the money came from their parents and that they worked for it with the strength God gave them. The next time the girl offered thanks in their presence all five of them bowed their heads in thanksgiving. Keep the fires of thanksgiving burning no matter what those around us may think or say.

As we think of this great land, surely we are moved to thank God. America is rich in both natural resources and human resources. If we would begin tomorrow and the rest of our days with the opening words of the 107th psalm, “O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever”, it would change us, and those around us. An “attitude of gratitude” is what we all need. My friends, let’s keep alive the fires of prayer. And let the ACLU, the liberal politicians, and the radical Muslims know that we intend to keep on bowing our heads and praying to God, that is Jehovah’s God. We will not submit to any power on this issue, for it is God’s will that we pray. And the Constitution gives us that right- no matter where the praying takes place. I repeat, keep alive the fires of prayer.