

Pray with Fred --- June 30, 2009:

Holy Spirit of God, wake us up from our slumber. Wake us up from carelessness. Rather than plaster "God bless America" on car bumpers and signs, move us to be serious about You, our living God. Move us, Holy Spirit, to be convicted of our daily need for You, including your forgiveness. Move us beyond carelessness and being care-free, to being committed to You, in daily praise to You for meeting our needs.

Father, may we bless You, so You might then desire to bless us, the way a relationship is to be.

Oh, how the pain, and the mistrust, and bad life choices will go away as we get serious about You, our living God, who wants to give us life.

Move us to listen to the Apostle Paul in Your Word, the Bible, as he says, "The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now. . . So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of life."

May we each personally carry Your vision for Your redeemed world, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth . . . And every tongue confess that You are Lord, to Your glory, and not our own.

In that, Father, we ask You to bless us, and to bless Your world, and all people, each uniquely made in Your image. Amen.