

Pray for Our New President

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In a ground-breaking, historical election, Illinois senator, Barack Obama, became the first African American to be voted as president-elect, in a landslide victory over his opponent, Arizona senator, John McCain. People turned out in record numbers to support the candidate who built his campaign on the promises of hope and change. His mantra, “Yes, we can,” was chanted all along the campaign trail, bringing hope to millions of people across America and abroad.

As we enter this exciting new chapter in American History, it goes without saying that we can forward to change. In January 2009, the U.S. will inaugurate its first African American president. Barack Obama’s meteoric rise from lawyer, to state legislator, to Illinois senator, to president of the U.S., is a phenomenal accomplishment. All over this country, Obama drew enormous crowds that came out to show love and demonstrate their support. Now that he has been given the opportunity, he has a monumental task ahead of him.

With our depressed economy, homes foreclosures, schools with poor resources and performance records, millions of Americans without health insurance, jobs being downsized and outsourced, never-ending wars with unclear objectives that have taken the lives of many of our young men and women, the new president has inherited a colossal mess. The election of a young, charismatic, intelligent leader to run our country is exciting, and many will be expecting to see the change he promised while campaigning.

After 8 years of bad leadership, we are in a vulnerable and desperate condition, looking for a political messiah to liberate us from the ills that plague our society. We want relief as quickly as possible, but it’s going to take time. Many people see Barack Obama as an answer to our prayers, but we mustn’t forget that our true security lies in our unwavering faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

It’s unlikely that we will see immediate results, but we have to continue to pray for the man that we prayed into office. The Bible tells us in 1 Timothy 2:1-3 that we should exhort prayer for kings and for all that are in authority so that we can lead quiet and peaceful lives. For all intents and purposes, he is the newly appointed King of America. So it’s up to us, the Christian community, to lift in prayer president-elect Barack Obama, his family, and his cabinet, because his next four years will be challenging. I sincerely pray that God protects him from any harm, and leads him in a direction that will begin a healing process for this country, and put us on the road to recovery so we can live quiet and peaceful lives.