

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”

—1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV)



Same-sex marriage has been a hot-button issue for years now, yet only in recent years has the debate concluded with laws being changed. As of November 7, 2012, nine of the 50 states in the U.S. have legalized same-sex marriage, and gay-rights advocates continue to push for laws to make it legal nationally.

Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13, along with other Scriptures (e.g., Deut. 23:17), clearly state God’s position on the issue, which is not open for interpretation. God defines marriage as being between one man and one woman—period. It’s unfortunate that even those within the church claim otherwise, yet believers must stand firm on biblical standards while also walking in love and compassion for those struggling with same-sex attraction. We must also pray in unity for our nation’s leaders not to be intimidated by activists trying to redefine the fundamental building block of our society.

- Pray that Jesus convicts the hearts of those in the homosexual community and helps them escape from that lifestyle—and that believers will love them into the kingdom instead of condemning them.
- Pray that advocates of traditional marriage are able to witness effectively to those who support

same-sex marriage with Jesus' love and kind words.

- Pray that the hearts of our country's leaders are convicted and that they come to realize that God's truth must be our standard, not a minority's agenda.

DAILY PRAYER

Lord, we repent of our wicked ways as a nation when it comes to distorting your definition of marriage. Cleanse us from our unrighteousness. Help us as believers to walk in Your love, even when our biblical values oppose others. Forgive us for when we have judged the sinner and not the sin, and give us strength to stand up for Your truth.

PRAY DAILY FOR THESE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

President Barack Obama
Vice President Joe Biden
Attorney General Eric Holder
Chief Justice John Roberts
Justice Samuel Alito
Justice Anthony Kennedy
Justice Elena Kagan
Justice Sonia Sotomayor
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Justice Stephen Breyer
Justice Antonin Scalia
Justice Clarence Thomas