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- ◇ Be willing to change and take responsibility for your sin.
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- ◇ When you have received His forgiveness, accept it and thank Him for it. Don't hold onto things He has forgiven and cleansed you from.
- ◇ Forgive those who have offended you. God will not forgive you if you don't forgive others.
- ◇ After you repented and thanked God for His forgiveness, ask Him to heal our land. The problems vexing our world are spiritual - the root of which is sin.
- ◇ Pray for strength and wisdom to overcome when you are tempted to sin again. Prepare in advance by finding and praying Scriptures that give you direction from God.

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