

# Perspective and Prayer for Troubling Times

*The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)*

## **Some God-Shaped Perspective:**

- The One to whom we are praying (*Psa 95:1-7*)
- Our own unworthiness (*Isa 6:1-5*)
- The founder of our salvation and access (*Heb 1:1-4; 2:10-18*)
- The Lord's invitation to draw near to his throne of grace with confidence (*Heb 4:14-16*)

## **Troublesome Times Are Here:**

- A creation subjected to futility, in bondage to corruption, and groaning (*Rom 8:18-39*)
- Violence, oppression, injustice, and terror (*Psa 10*)
- Those who are in and may soon be placed in high positions of authority (*Psa 33; 1 Pet 2:9-17; 1 Tim 2:1-7*)
- The present suffering of Christians in some parts of the world and the possibility of persecution in our own future (*2 Tim 1:8-2:9*)
- Those who have never responded to the truth (*Matt 9:35-38*) and those who have wandered from the truth (*James 5:19-20*)