

*AmeriSong: Poetry, Art, & Dialogs about Amerika*

## **PRAYER FOR BUSH:**

**A satirical plea for the 43rd American President**

I humbly urge all people  
to pray for George W. Bush

May this poor man find greater wisdom  
instead of mouthing rhetorical mush

May You awaken his conscience  
& give him a progressive swoosh

May You blast away his ignorance  
& provide him with a moral push

May the thousands he has orphaned  
find forgiveness  
rather than joining a suicidal putsch

Most of all, Dear Lord,  
I pray this soul will stop using Your Name in vain  
cuz when hatred or greed  
are veiled as piety  
it amounts ta a spiritual am-  
Bush

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**Terri:** This guy is poisoned: anytime hatred enters our hearts, it poisons us.

**Sam:** Doesn't Bush need all of the prayers he can get?

**Ted:** This isn't a prayer — it's a satire. And I find it hard to pray for a guy who has murdered so many.

**Kris:** That's all the more reason to pray for him . . .

**Tim:** Bush represents the blind self-righteousness that's in all of us. If you look closely enough, you can find the same sort of arrogance within your own heart.

**Ted:** (miffed) Ah, do I need you to tell me what's in my own heart?