

Lord, it's the desire of the Anchor Book Club to obey the call to participate and successfully become a part of the Global initiative to "bury the hatchet". This centuries old ceremony of burying the hatchet became an acceptable practice during treaty negotiations especially with the Indian nations. This observance was used to end a quarrel or conflict between parties and as a symbolic gesture to become friendly toward those who were once considered enemies. In effect, the burying of the hatchet says, the parties will bear no malice or harbor any grudge toward each other. Furthermore, mercy will be given as both a pardon and forgiveness of past wrongs. Lord, we, the Anchor Book Club, want to join our fellow marketplace ministries especially our current day prayer(s), goals, and plans in connection with this centuries old observance of burying the hatchet. The purpose of this observance today is to recall to your remembrance that we are your children and that we continue the love, devotion, and worship to you that was started by our founding fathers. We want to come into agreement with their Bible based beliefs and prayers as well as set forth new Bible based beliefs and prayers for our future generations.

Lord, we repent and with a repenting heart and on behalf of our World, our County, our State, the 9 pine belt counties of Mississippi, which include Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry, and Wayne, our families and we present ourselves into the courtroom of heaven where all matters are presented to you and judgments and pardons are granted. We plead the blood of Jesus over your plans for our lives.

The world nations and our country are in a complete state of conflict and turmoil and Lord raise up leaders can make a difference in service to your kingdom by serving in these natural realms of opportunity. (This was written before the Russian invasion.) Lord, we recall to your remembrance that on December 10, 1817, Mississippi became the [20th state](#) admitted to the Union. Following the [Civil War](#), Mississippi was restored to the Union on February 23, 1870. In the post-Civil War years, the South became known as the "[Bible Belt](#)". In 2008, 85% of Mississippians considered religion an important part of their daily lives, the highest figure among all states. Lord these are but facts about our state. We repent again on behalf of those who lived in ignorance before us and brought shame and heartache among all Mississippians. We ask you to bury the hatchet between these current divisions and bring instead alignment with your word and your appointed destiny for your people who dwell in this geographic marketplace ministry of Mississippi.

Lord, The Mississippi Pine Belt has been essential to human communities for a long time. Before the arrival of the Europeans in the region, native American communities such as the Natchez lived around the Mississippi Pine Belt, When Mississippi officially became part of the United States, the number of people living around the pine belt increased. The increase in the number of people living around the pine belt led to a reduction in the number of trees within the area as they were cleared to make room for settlement and agriculture. The lumber industry has been vital to the development of several of the major towns in the region. The pine belt is also of great ecological significance because of the large variety of animal life. Lord Jesus, we call these positive facts to your remembrance and to our awareness of who we are in the world, nation, country, geographic location of the Pine Belt and marketplace ministry opportunities here.

[Physically place the hatchet in the hold that has been dug for this]

We stand today in a burying of the hatchet ceremony, to declare and decree our commitment to you and the Word. We plead the blood of Jesus over our heritage, and we plead the blood of Jesus over our future generations. We plead the blood of Jesus over our present circumstances. Lord, we bury the hatchet on behalf of the world, our nation, our state, the pine belt, marketplace ministries, and our families. Help us to be relevant in these last days and be a voice that joins with other regions, states, and our nation in declare and decreeing the acceptable word of the Lord. That we will take individual stands as presented to us in our lives to be counted for the kingdom of God and seeing souls saved in these last days. Lord, hear our prayers and receive our crossed hatches into the ground as a symbolic representation of love and loyalty to you and our desire to serve you. Lord, we plant these hatchets under this evergreen tree which symbolizes peace in the tradition of the American nation, The evergreen never loses its leaves, and the evergreen tree also symbolizes **eternity**. Lord, we commit these hatchets to you in remembrance of our commitment to you. Amen.