A Service of Prayer for the Election

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6:15 PM

Seeking God's Wisdom

for Our Nation

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"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:12–18

We gather together as people of faith, praising God for His faithfulness, acknowledging our need for His forgiveness, and seeking after Him with our whole hearts. We petition Jesus to be our Shepherd and Guide especially through these seasons, asking Him to fill us with an abundance of His love for others. We pray that His peace might reign in each of our hearts. We ask that His perfect love would drive out any fear, anxiety, stress, or doubts we might have.

During this service of prayer, we will sing together, we will join in prayers led by others, and between these times of prayer, there will be times for private meditation and prayer. Scripture passages are provided as a focus for these meditations. As each meditation ends, the next speaker will approach the podium to lead us on in prayer.

<u>If at any time, you feel the need for private/personal prayer, please come forward to one of our prayer warriors on either side of the sanctuary. These individuals will pray for you confidentially</u>.

WELCOME Patrick Galligar

OPENING SONG: Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see,
By the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
At the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes & bright stars
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
Were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled
Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?

Francis Scott Key, John Stafford Smith CCLI Song #93786
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A PRAYER OF PRAISE TO THE AMIGHTY

(**Following this prayer, and most prayers that follow, we invite you to pray silently as you are led by the Holy Spirit. During these times of meditation, you may find the included scripture verses helpful**.)

A Time of Meditation – "*O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure."* Isaiah 25:1

"*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*" Psalm 150:1,2,6

"*Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created*." Revelation 4:11

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A PRAYER FOR FAITHFULNESS

A Time for Meditation – "*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible*." Hebrews 11:1-3

"*My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart*." Proverbs 3:1-3

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

A Time for Meditation – "*If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place*." 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

"*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*" Romans 15:5-7

"*God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted*!" Psalm 47:8-9

"*Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people*." Titus 3:1-2

A PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A Time for Meditation – *"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment*." 1 Corinthians 1:10

"*I do not ask for these only [the disciples], but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me*." John 17:20-21

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH ON EARTH

SONG OF PRAISE: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel
oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion
comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not,
unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!

God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights
by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.

One little word subdues him. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

A Time for Meditation – "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*." Philippians 4:4-7

"*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world*." John 16:33

HYMN OF PEACE: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we,
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

A PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: God Bless the U.S.A.

If tomorrow all the things were gone
I'd worked for all my life
And I had to start again
With just my children and my wife
I'd thank my lucky stars
to be livin' here today
'Cause the flag still
stands for freedom
And they can't take that away

And (That) I'm proud to be
an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men
who died
Who gave the right to me
And I'd gladly stand up
next to you
And defend her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love
this land

From the lakes of Minnesota
To the hills of Tennessee
Across the plains of Texas
From sea to shining sea
From Detroit down to Houston
And New York to L.A.
There's pride in ev'ry
American heart
And it's time to stand and say

And (That) I'm proud to be
an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men
who died
Who gave the right to me
And I'd gladly stand up
next to you
And defend her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this
land

God bless the U.S.A. God bless the U.S.A.

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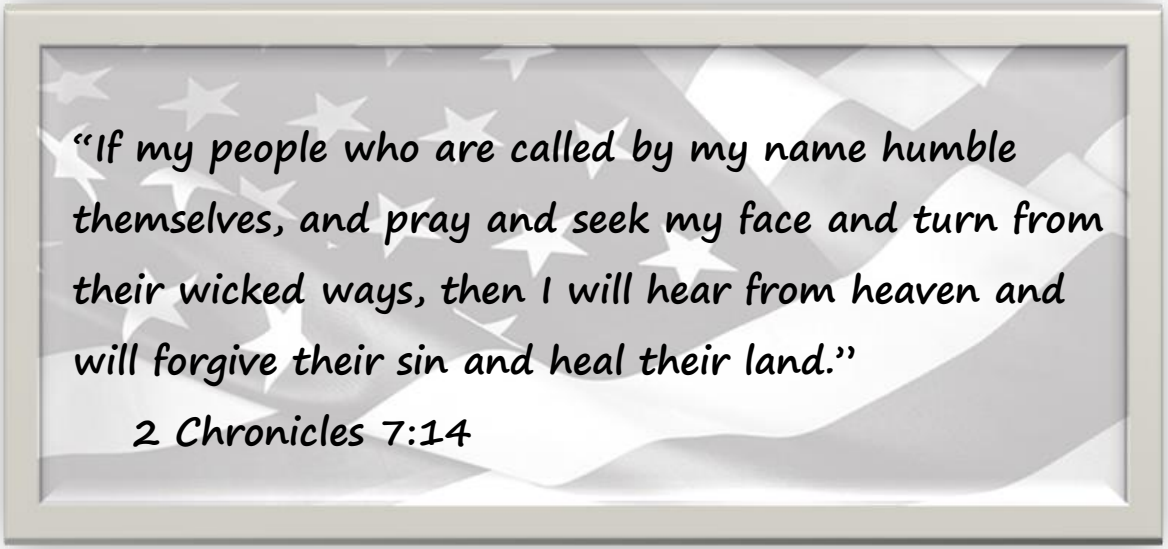
DEPART IN PEACE, AND SERVE THE LORD. AMEN.

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