A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Dear Heavenly Father,
We begin by humbly coming before you in repentance and faith, asking that you forgive us, bless us, and guide us to live for you and others. Lord, we pray for our country with the full knowledge that you are already at work in the world preserving and saving, and we are thankful that you preserve this sinful world. We thank you and ask for your continued blessing of faithful parents, committed families, good government, healthcare workers, peace officers, and other workers in their vocations. Finally, call the people of our nation this day back to yourself by grace through faith. Give us strength to be a people constantly in prayer, available for service, and bold in our witness of you. In the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!

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I. Christians are aware of God’s two distinct ways of engaging the world: to preserve and to save.

II. Both the government and the Church are legitimate God-given authorities in our lives and in our world.

III. The differentiation between the purpose and work of the Church and the State is an extension of the Christian worldview.

IV. 1. God places differentiation between the Church's and the State's spheres of influence and methodologies. Both aim toward a healthy public expression of their separate roles for the society's sake.

V. A healthy society should honor the uniqueness of the family and the distinct purpose of the Church while recognizing the limitations of government for religious liberty and life to survive and thrive.

VI. Religious liberty and the sanctity of life are universal human values that are fundamental to any healthy governmental society.

VII. There are three enduring structures for a healthy society - the Church, the Family, and the Government.

VIII. Government has a vital but secondary purpose which supports the family and allows the Church to accomplish its work.