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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
To The Heavenly Father To Bless Our Nation**

Heavenly Father, look upon our nation and behold our many needs. Do not, because of our flagrant sins, turn away from us; rather be merciful and grant Your aid in all matters that distress us. Increase the faith of all Christians, that they may not fall prey to the sins that have so badly eroded our society, nor yield to the many antichristian forces which boldly demand acceptance. Enable Christians, by fearless professions of faith and godly lives, to be guiding lights leading others to glorify You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent to save us.

Give all who preach the gospel in this nation a double measure of Your Spirit, that they will not depart from the simple saving message of the cross. Make Your churches across this great land havens of rest for sin-weary souls. Turn many hearts from unbelief, sin, and false gods to their Savior.

Dear Father in heaven, turn this nation from its false and vain philosophies; from its materialism, greed, selfishness, bitterness, unlovingness, and corruption; and from its general disregard for the honor of Your name and for the welfare of others. Bring down the violent and lawless. Restrain those who plan insurrection and revolt. Root out and destroy terrorism wherever it is found. As Supreme Ruler, grant health, safety, honesty, wisdom, fairness, love, and devotion to duty to all in authority. Give the ability and will to rule well to the President and Congress, to the cabinet members, to the governors and legislators of the various states, and to judge, magistrates, and law

enforcement personnel. Give courage to our courts to punish evildoers and protect the innocent.

Bless especially the Christians who are serving in the armed forces. Keep them ever in Your love and protection. By the Holy Spirit strengthen their faith and avert whatever might prove harmful to their souls. Give whatever help is needed to carry out their appointed duties. Be with them in their lonely hours and keep them from sin. Spare them from service on the field of battle and protect them in the discharge of their many assignments. Bring them safely again to their homes and families. We pray for all of this according to Your gracious and good will.

O Father in heaven, forgive the sins of Your people who cry unto You daily, and help them remain Your children through faith in Christ. To this end fill them with the Holy Spirit and His grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

“Prayers For The Worship Service,” page 99 (adapted)

...See you in worship.

Keep looking up because the Lord is always looking down – Psalm 121

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