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“THE SECOND DAY OF JULY 1776, WILL BE THE MOST MEMORABLE EPOCHA IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA. I AM APT TO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE CELEBRATED IN SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS AS THE GREAT ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL. IT OUGHT TO BE COMMEMORATED AS THE DAY OF DELIVERANCE BY SOLEMN ACTS OF DEVOTION TO ALMIGHTY GOD. IT OUGHT TO BE SOLEMNIZED WITH POMP AND PARADE, WITH SHOWS, GAMES, SPORTS, GUNS, BELLS, BONFIRES AND ILLUMINATIONS, FROM ONE END OF THIS CONTINENT TO THE OTHER, FROM THIS TIME FORWARD FOREVER MORE.” —JOHN ADAMS

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¹FIRST OF ALL, THEN, I URGE THAT SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE, ²FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN HIGH POSITIONS, THAT WE MAY LEAD A PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIFE, GODLY AND DIGNIFIED IN EVERY WAY. ³THIS IS GOOD, AND IT IS PLEASING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OUR SAVIOR, ⁴WHO DESIRES ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED AND TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH. ⁵FOR THERE IS ONE GOD, AND THERE IS ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS, ⁶WHO GAVE HIMSELF AS A RANSOM FOR ALL, WHICH IS THE TESTIMONY GIVEN AT THE PROPER TIME. —1 TIMOTHY 2:1-6

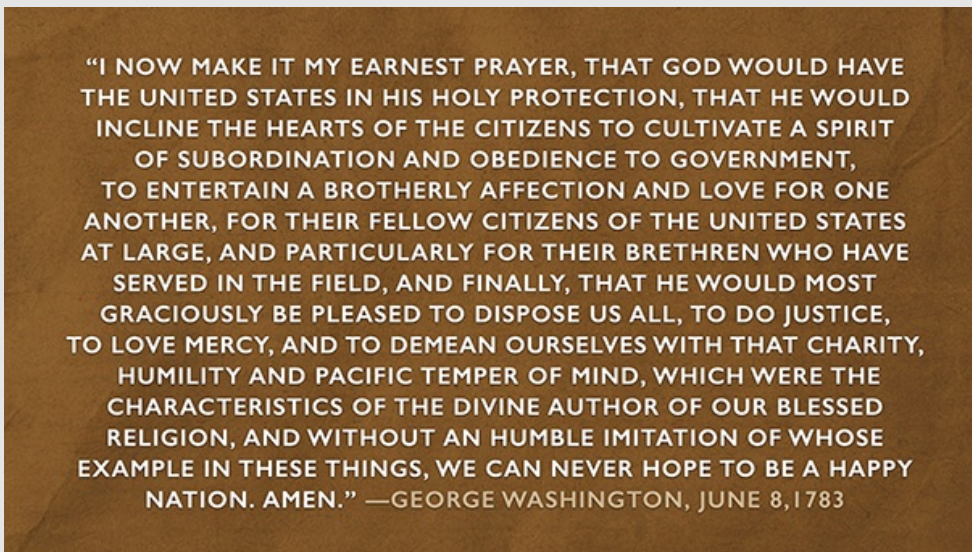
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“FOR KINGSHIP BELONGS TO THE LORD,
AND HE RULES OVER THE NATIONS.”

—PSALM 22:28

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THE LORD BRINGS THE
COUNSEL OF THE NATIONS
TO NOTHING; HE FRUSTRATES
THE PLANS OF THE PEOPLES.
THE COUNSEL OF THE LORD
STANDS FOREVER,
THE PLANS OF HIS HEART
TO ALL GENERATIONS.
BLESSED IS THE NATION
WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD,
THE PEOPLE WHOM HE HAS
CHOSEN AS HIS HERITAGE!

—PSALM 33:10-12

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“...ON APRIL 30, 1789, THE NEW U.S. CONSTITUTION HAD BEEN APPROVED, AND THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT, GEORGE WASHINGTON, WAS INAUGURATED. IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, WASHINGTON ISSUED A PROPHETIC WARNING: ‘IF AS A NATION WE WOULD EVER DEPART FROM GOD, THE LORD WOULD REMOVE HIS BLESSINGS.’ THEN THE NEWLY INAUGURATED PRESIDENT, THE HOUSE, AND THE SENATE MARCHED UP THE STREET TO SAINT PAUL’S CHAPEL AT TRINITY CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY. THERE AND THEN, THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT AT ITS INCEPTION KNELT IN PRAYER. IT WAS PRAYER, PRAYER, AND MORE PRAYER THAT BEGAN THE NATION, IN HUMILITY, ACKNOWLEDGING THE SOVEREIGN GOD.” —DR. STUART D. BROBERG

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"IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL
NATIONS TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THE PROVIDENCE OF
ALMIGHTY GOD, TO OBEY
HIS WILL, TO BE GRATEFUL
FOR HIS BENEFITS, AND HUMBLY
TO IMPLORE HIS PROTECTION
AND FAVORS."

—GEORGE WASHINGTON,
THANKSGIVING DAY
PROCLAMATION, OCT. 3, 1789

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"WE PRAY FOR ALL THE
EMPERORS, THAT GOD MAY
GRANT THEM LONG LIFE,
A SECURE GOVERNMENT,
A PROSPEROUS FAMILY,
VIGOROUS TROOPS,
A FAITHFUL SENATE,
AN OBEDIENT PEOPLE; THAT
THE WHOLE WORLD MAY BE
IN PEACE; AND THAT GOD MAY
GRANT, BOTH TO CAESAR
AND TO EVERY MAN, THE
ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THEIR
JUST DESIRES." —TERTULLIAN

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"GOD WHO GAVE US LIFE GAVE US LIBERTY. CAN THE
LIBERTIES OF A NATION BE SECURE WHEN WE HAVE REMOVED
A CONVICTION THAT THESE LIBERTIES ARE THE GIFT OF GOD?
INDEED, I TREMBLE FOR MY COUNTRY WHEN I REFLECT THAT
GOD IS JUST, THAT HIS JUSTICE CANNOT SLEEP FOREVER."

—NORTH PORTICO OF JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

"THE ONLY FOUNDATION FOR... A REPUBLIC IS TO BE LAID
IN RELIGION. WITHOUT THIS THERE CAN BE NO VIRTUE,
AND WITHOUT VIRTUE THERE CAN BE NO LIBERTY,
AND LIBERTY IS THE OBJECT AND LIFE OF ALL
REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENTS." —BENJAMIN RUSH

"NOTHING IS MORE DREADED THAN THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT MEDDLING WITH RELIGION." —JOHN ADAMS

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"PRAYER IS THE HIGHEST EXPRESSION AND
GREATEST DEFENSE OF HUMAN FREEDOM."

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3. PRAYER SEEKS THE LIBERTY OF ALL PEOPLES

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE IN PRISON, AS THOUGH IN
PRISON WITH THEM, AND THOSE WHO ARE MISTREATED,
SINCE YOU ALSO ARE IN THE BODY. —HEBREWS 13:3

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4. PRAYER FOCUSES OUR ALLEGIANCE ON THE CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL

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THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST,
GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. WE IMPORE YOU
ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD.
—2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

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³AND EVEN IF OUR GOSPEL
IS VEILED, IT IS VEILED
TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING.
⁴IN THEIR CASE THE GOD
OF THIS WORLD HAS BLINDED
THE MINDS OF THE UNBELIEVERS,
TO KEEP THEM FROM SEEING
THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL
OF THE GLORY OF CHRIST,
WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD.
—2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4

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¹⁸THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PROCLAIM
GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME
TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND
RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
¹⁹TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR...
²¹AND HE BEGAN TO SAY TO THEM,
"TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE HAS BEEN FULFILLED
IN YOUR HEARING." —LUKE 4:18-19, 21

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"TO GET NATIONS BACK ON THEIR FEET,
WE MUST FIRST GET DOWN ON OUR KNEES."
—BILLY GRAHAM

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FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN,
SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS
OF GOD. —2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

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