

In the fall of 1775 the American colonists created a fleet of six ships known as "Washington's cruisers" which flew the first national flag. It was a white flag bearing a pale green pine tree with the motto, "An Appeal to Heaven."

The meaning behind this flag was that prayer would be an integral part of winning the war against the tyranny of King George III who at the time wielded the power of the mightiest nation on earth, Great Britain.

America is at war today with the tyrannical evil forces which are literally attacking our unalienable God given rights of LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. We must once again appeal to heaven for God's mighty hand to divinely intervene on behalf of our nation.

AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN SCRIPTURE PRAYERS FOR AMERICA

Our most gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for this blessed time of prayer. As you said in Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Lord, our embattled nation desperately needs your grace and mercy.

Lord, help great numbers of your people to respond to this national struggle by praying together in belief. Matthew 18:19-20 "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We thank you for your lovingkindness and for being a righteous and Holy God. Psalm 48:9-10 "We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness." 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom,

O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

As we pray to you, Psalm 4:6 "...Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us."

You are a Great and Holy God who is grieved at our sin. We are living in an evil time, and Lord you said in Isaiah 5:20a, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;"

Lord, our nation is wicked and we deserve your judgement. Nehemiah 9:33 "Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:"

Help us to weep and mourn over our sinful nation, and deliver us from our afflictions. Proverbs 29:2 "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Isaiah 1:4 "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away back-

ward." Joel 2:12-13 "Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil." Psalm 34:17-19 "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

We pray you would stop the way of the wicked. Psalm 7:9-11 "Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart. God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day." Psalm 140:8 "Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves." Isaiah 55:7 "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

We pray you would stop those who are fighting against you, and against the Christians, the family, the unborn and our freedoms, as you said in Psalm 33:10 "The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect." Psalm 17:7 "Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them." Psalm 74:22 "Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily."

Lord, we lift up our nation to you, and as you said in Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Bring us back to you O Lord and bless us as in Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

We pray that America would turn back from her evil ways, and we pray that you would stay your hand of judgment. Jeremiah 18:8 "If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them."

Lord, we have sinned as a nation and we pray that you would have mercy on us and revive us that we would become a righteous nation once again. Psalm 85:6 "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee." Psalm 90:14-15 "O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil."

Our nation was birthed into existence by your Divine Providence for the propagation of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray, Lamentations 5:21 "Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old."

We pray for a spiritual awakening in our country. We pray for a miracle! Nothing is too hard for You as you said in Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?"

We pray You would bring revival to America, so many souls can be saved for your honor and glory. Habakkuk 3:2b "...O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

Lord, we know that it is your desire for all men to be saved as you said in 1 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack

concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Lord, you said in 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We are your people, called by your name. Help us to be humble as you said in James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

Lord, we must be in constant prayer, thanking you for everything that comes into our lives. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 You said, "Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

We desire to seek your face as in Jeremiah 29:13, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

We confess our sins to you, and ask for your forgiveness. We desire to turn from our wickedness. Psalm 86:5 "For

thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."

Start a revival in our own hearts, dear Lord. Psalm 51:10-12 "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalm 19:12b-13a "...Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me:.."

Lord, help us to live a godly and holy life, pleasing unto you, as you said in 2 Pet. 3:11, "...what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness." Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the re-

newing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

It is the Christian who must repent and get right with you for the healing of our nation. Wake us up from our complacency and move us to action, challenge us and give us a renewed vision and a burden for our country. Illuminate our minds and hearts. Prov. 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish..." 1 Pet. 4:17 "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God..."

Help us to be witnesses for You. Break our hearts for the lost and dying world, as you said in Psalm 126:15-16, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Help us to shine as lights in the world as you said in Philippians 2:15 "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;"

Let us be those that would stand in the gap for America. Ezekiel 22:30 "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap

before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Give us courage and boldness with understanding and knowledge to prolong the state of our nation. Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Proverbs 28:1-2 "The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged."

Help us to stand up for what is right and true, continuing in your work, and not compromising to worldly culture as in 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Lord, we know that this battle is spiritual warfare and that we must: Ephesians 6:11-13 "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore

take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

We pray for the healing of our nation. Psalm 67:1-2 "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations." Psalm 109:27 "That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, Lord, hast done it." We know nothing is too hard for you, as you said in Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:" We know with you all things are possible, as you said in Matthew 19:26, "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

Lord, there is so much turmoil in the world. Help us to keep our eyes upon you, as you guide and direct our steps. 2 Chronicles 20:12 "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee."

Give us wisdom as we live in uncertain times. Ephesians 5:15-16 "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as

fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

We pray that you would give us your peace during this time of trouble. John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

When we are fearful help us to trust in You, as in Psalm 56:3, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Lord, You said in Proverbs 1:33 "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil."

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;"

Comfort us in our tribulation as in 2 Corinthians 1:4, "Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

We pray for the current administration that they would govern according to your will. Save those who are lost and uphold those who are saved. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

We pray for honest and accurate elections and that Christians would get out to vote, and vote for biblical values as in Exodus 18:21 "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:" 2 Samuel 23:3 "The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

Guide and direct our pastors and give them wisdom. We pray for safety and good health among our people. Be with our church members that they will remain faithful, and grow closer to you during this time in which we live. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

Help our pastors and churches that live in states that are being challenged by governmental officials who are overstepping their bounds, and infringing upon our First Amendment rights. Deliver us from wicked men. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3 "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."

We pray for the medical community, first responders, law enforcement, and our military who are in harms way. Keep them safe, protect their health, and save those who are lost. Psalm 124:8 "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

We pray for those who are sick with the Covid-19. Please Lord, heal them and stop this dreadful disease. Exodus 23:25 "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

We pray for those who have lost a love one. Comfort them in their grief. 2 Corinthians 1:3 "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;"

We pray for our missionaries on deputation and on foreign fields. Surround them with your love and care, meet their needs and keep a hedge of protection around them. Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

We pray you will do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think as in Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"

We pray that your will would be done, for you do wondrous things and your ways are perfect. Matthew 6:10 "... Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Psalm 18:30 "As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him." Psalm 86:10 "For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone."

We know the Bible says in 2 Timothy 3:1, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." It also says in 2 Timothy 3:13-14, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;" Help us Lord to con-

tinue in the things that we have learned, to "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain ..." Revelation 3:2 and allow us to occupy until you come! As in Luke 19:13 "...and said unto them, Occupy till I come."

Romans 8:18 "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

We know that there is still hope for America because you sit on the throne of heaven. Our hope is in you alone. Psalm 39:7 "And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee."

We look for your second coming as stated in Revelation 22:20 "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

We know we are praying according to your will, 1John 5:14-15 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

Dear Lord, we are asking that you hear and answer our prayer according to your Word, by the authority in the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen. John 14:13-14 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."