

Heavenly Father, we seek Your blessings on our Nation. Forgive us for our shortcomings and the times we have failed You. Draw us back to Your love, and strengthen us as a country to serve and honor You and You alone in all that we do.

The worries of each day are ever around us. Conflict, both within and without, threaten the peace we so desperately want and seek. Lord, we come to You with open hearts, seeking Your guidance and being content with all that You have given us as a blessed nation under Your mighty care. Help us to be faithful to You, and let the peace of Your guiding presence surround us every day.

Humble our hearts so that we will hear and pay attention to Your voice. Help us as a nation to return to You with repentant hearts and minds seeking Your undeserved mercy. Enable us to obey Your Word in all that we say and do. Thwart the plans of the evil one to draw us away from Your presence; strengthen us in every way to resist the temptation to turn away from or ignore You.

We live in a land that is free to elect those chosen for public office, You know the hearts of those who lead. Fill them with YOUR

wisdom, and lead them away from the tendency to follow the dictates of "political correctness" that so often violates Your words of truth. Enable them to fulfill their obligations and lead us in a way that us pleasing to You. Let all of us unite ourselves to the one purpose of living a life in which the declaration "In God we trust" rises above all worldly mottos and philosophies.

Continue to bless us, O Lord. Give us a compassionate heart, YOUR heart. Hold us to a much greater calling that this sinful world offers, so that we can carefully observe You Commandments and truly be a blessed nation under God, exhibiting liberty and justice to all. In Your precious name, Jesus, we ask all these things ... Amen!