

Heavenly Father,

For the prayer within, we pray in the name of your son our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jesus, we are so blessed! To have been born into or legally migrated and became citizens in this great country is a real blessing. To realize it, all we have to do is look at some of the other countries around the world; the oppression and lack of freedom, some facing almost constant threats of war and unrest, others plagued by hunger and lack of needed medical care, also corruption of government against the citizens. The list goes on and unfortunately we are not totally exempted from some of these evils. Just look at the lawlessness and corruption in some of our states and major cities as well as around Washington DC. Also the terrible hatred towards Jewish people and others too. It's evident that some voters often do not support the best possible candidates to resolve these issues, thus being able to set our country on the right course. However there is something happening that is larger and eternally detrimental.

Recent years the number of people believing in or having you, God, as a high priority in their lives has fallen substantially. Though a majority of the population in the USA call themselves Christians, how many of them solidly have you, Jesus, in their lives? How many attend church regularly or read the Bible and other devotional materials frequently; or pray often and not just when they need something? How many think that committing sins is no big deal and are not truly sorry for it? This does need to turn around because eventually, will you, Jesus, have any reason to bless our nation?

Jesus, there is a lot of work to do for our country to again be on the right track. We so desperately need for our country to return to the morals of a good and unified people, bringing about compassion, prosperity, protection, and a love for you, Jesus, as well as one another. In selecting our leaders nationally and in our state and local communities, you, Lord, know who is the best candidate running for each office. Please guide all of our citizens into voting for those best choices. As you know, Lord, we are sometimes like sheep, wandering away being attracted to false hopes in what we choose as thinking will make things better, but instead it turns out to make things worse. We ask you, Jesus, the good shepherd as you are, to please bring us back together as a nation.

In the meantime, we are celebrating Independence Day. We thank you, Lord, for the wonderful country that you've blessed us with for nearly 250 years. We ask you to please continue to bless our nation and to guide its citizens into returning to you, Jesus, in their faith. We pray that through the Holy Spirit our citizens who have never known you, Jesus, will come to believe and build a strong faith in you. Jesus, we also pray that your houses of worship will again be permanently filled with people eager to worship and praise you. Thank you, Jesus, for all of the people that do work hard in whatever career or capacity they can, to make this country a God pleasing nation and the symbol of a wonderful Christian nation to the rest of the world.

Lord In Your Mercy

Hear Our Prayer

Amen.