

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
May 7, 2020 – “Faith sees by Hearing”

Welcome

Invocation

L: We begin in the Name of the Triune God; Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

America, the Beautiful

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 2:12-14

Reflection on Scripture

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A Time for Silent Prayer and Reflection

Responsive Prayer for Our Nation

L: Gracious and merciful Lord Jesus, we pray for good and faithful government:

R: You have ordained all temporal authority for the purpose of rewarding good and punishing wickedness. Bless our government and all who serve in elected and appointed offices. Guide all who make, administer, judge,

and enforce the laws of this land that we may live as a people in peace with all godliness. Teach us the proper respect and honor for all who hold offices of authority, and grant that they fulfill the responsibilities of their office honorably and in the fear of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Gracious and merciful Lord Jesus, we pray for the armed forces of our nation:

R: You alone are our strong Defender, an ever-present help in time of trouble. Watch over and defend our military personnel, police, national guard, and all others who defend life and liberty, that they may serve justly and honorably in the pursuit of peace. Grant them courage and strength in their time of service, and bring them safely home to their families and communities. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Gracious and merciful Lord Jesus, we pray for our families and community.

R: Bless fathers and mothers as they endeavor to raise their children, and children as they grow under the care and guidance of their parents. Be the Father of the fatherless, the companion of the lonely, the comfort of those estranged or separated from loved ones. Protect the lives of the unborn. Open our hearts and homes to all unwanted and abandoned children. Comfort the aged and those who are no longer able to care for themselves. Strengthen our communities and break down the barriers of prejudice, hatred, and envy that set neighbor against neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Gracious and merciful Lord Jesus, we pray for the nations of the world.

R: Your Son Jesus Christ reigns even now as King of kings and Lord of lords, and through Him You claim all the nations of the world as Your own. Bless every nation on earth with the abundance of Your mercy. Work peace in our world so troubled by terror and turmoil. Ease the burdens of poverty and deprivation. Bring an end to violence, oppression, genocide, and tyranny. Open the hearts of the blessed, that out of their excess they might relieve the distress of the poor. Bless our efforts at diplomacy, that our nation may ever stand for what is just and right in Your eyes. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Gracious and merciful Lord Jesus, we pray for our enemies.

R: Our Lord Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies and to bless those who persecute us. Turn the hearts of those who slander us for the name of Jesus. Grant them repentance unto faith that they may know the fullness of the joy of their salvation in Jesus and that our joy may be complete. Guard us against the temptation to seek revenge, and turn our hearts in forgiveness to those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Gracious and merciful Lord Jesus, we pray for our nation's churches:

R: Send your Holy Spirit upon the churches of our nation that they may proclaim faithfully and boldly Your saving gospel. Forgive their failures. Lead them to accomplish Your holy purposes. Strengthen them in their conflict with all who would hinder the proclamation of Your love.

L: Gracious and merciful Lord Jesus, we offer these petitions in faith, knowing You hear them and will answer them in accordance with Your divine will.

R: Amen

Song of Praise 577

God Bless Our Native Land

1. God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave, ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save by Thy great might.
2. For her our prayer shall rise to God above the skies; on Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry, God save the State!

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn 575

Before the Lord We Bow

1. Before the Lord we bow, the God who reigns above
And rules the world below in boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring, in joy and praise
Our hearts we raise to heav'n's high King.
2. The nation thou has blest may well Thy love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, protected by Thy care.
For this fair land, for this bright day,
Our thanks we pay — gifts of Thy hand.
3. Earth, hear thy Maker's voice, Thy great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, and worship Him alone.
Cast down thy pride, Thy sin deplore,
And bow before the Crucified.

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