

# Prayer for America

**Tune: Finlandia by Jean Sibelius**

**Arranged by John M. Chilson**

**Text based on  
Prayer No. 18 – For Our Country  
1979 Book of Common Prayer  
(Episcopal Church USA)**

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will.

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail;

All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Unison *p* *mp*

Sopr./Alto

Al-migh-ty God of mer-cy, grace and jus-tice, We thank you

Tenor/Bass

Unison *p* *mp*

*mf*

S/A

for A - mer - i - ca, our home. We hum-bly pray to glad-ly do your

T/B

*mf*

S/A

will, And pray that we may trust in You a - lone.

T/B

*<f*

S/A

— Bless now our land, let hon-est work be done, A will to learn with

T/B

*<f*

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S/A *mf*  
 kind-ness towards each one. Save us from vio - lence, dis-cord and con - fus - ion;

T/B

S/A  
 — From pride, con - ceit and ev - ery ev - il way. De-fend our lib - er -

T/B *mf*

S/A  
 ties and make us one, From ma - ny lands, u - nite us now we pray.

T/B

S/A *f* *ff*  
 — Grant now your wis - dom to all in au - thor - it - y, Jus - tice and

T/B *f* *ff*

S/A *mf*  
 peace be our pri - or - it - y. Through our o - be - di -

T/B *mf*

S/A  
T/B

ence to all of your laws, May we bring forth from all na-tions your

S/A  
T/B

praise. In times of peace, fill up our hearts with thanks,

S/A  
T/B

Strength-en our trust in you through troub-led days. All this we

*mp*

*mp*

S/A  
T/B

ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. A men, A men.

*Ritard to end...*

*p*