

## A Prayer for Our Nation

Lord of all races and nations, we thank you for our country and its people, our blessings and our privileges. By your Holy Spirit lead us through the rest of this year with both humility and confidence.

**Though we are small portion of this nation,  
teach us to do justly, love mercy  
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Move with your renewing Spirit of in the hearts and minds of our elected officials. May they not only have the will to seek the common good but also the wisdom to recognize what truly is the common good.

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By your Spirit of Truth, discipline the minds of those who edit and control our mass media. Give them the courage to reject the sensational gossip, yet to publish the truth that cleanses and builds up.

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Come with your compassionate Spirit on all those who help mend the wounds and ills of our society. Those who reach out to the homeless and drug addicts, all who care for misfits and outcasts, those who tend the diseased and injured, and all brave souls who try to right wrongs by changing unjust attitudes and laws.

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By your reconciling Spirit, bridge the gap between city and country, employed and the unemployed, the wealthy and the underprivileged, those born in this country and the more recent generations of immigrants, the political right and political left, and between the powerful and the weak.

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Pour out the Spirit of Christ Jesus upon the congregations of your church in this land. Encourage and renew your ministers, pastors and ministers. Raise up prophets and evangelists of small ego and mighty faith. Let this new era be a time of opportunity that is faithfully seized in the name of your Son.

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Loving God, through Christ Jesus who strengthens us, we commit ourselves to making this new century a place where grace, mercy and peace are not in short supply.

In the all-providing, liberating and revitalizing Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; we bring our prayers and raise our voices as one family of loving grace, praying the words Jesus taught us... “Our Father who art in heaven. . .”