

My Father's House

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A Prayer for Our Nation **Fr. Bill McCarthy, MSA**

O Heavenly Father, help us always to be a nation under You, our God. May we never forget that Christopher Columbus was inspired by Your Spirit to found a “new Israel” and to plant a cross upon our land dedicated in honor of our Savior as a land of the free and the home of the brave. Help us to follow the lead of our 243 Founding Fathers, who established this great nation upon “the laws of nature” and “the laws of nature’s God,” (Your Scriptures) and upon the God-given, unalienable dignity and right to life of every one of our citizens -- from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

Let us follow the insights of Noah Webster, who realized that the religion that introduced liberty to our nation, was a religion of You, our God, and of Your Messiah. Of Patrick Henry, who stated, “It cannot be emphasized too clearly or too often that this great nation was founded upon Your gospel.” Of George Washington who stated, “It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor.”

Give us a spirit of Benjamin Franklin, who at the beginning of the Continental Congress, stated, “If a sparrow cannot fall to the earth without Your notice, can this nation rise without Your help? For You have assured us in Your sacred writings that unless You build the house, we labor in vain who try to build it without Your spirit.” Help us to appreciate that the first 108 colleges in our land were all religious and Christians schools, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, William and Mary, Notre Dame, and St. Mary. And that the Bible and New England Primer were the official textbooks of all our public schools, where prayer and the Ten Commandments were taught to every youngster.

Help us to follow the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln who stated, “It is the duty of nations as well as of men to owe their independence to the over-ruling power of God and to recognize the divine truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven in all history that those nations are only blessed whose God is the Lord.” Help us to share the wisdom of John Kennedy, who asked us to go forward, asking Your blessings, but realizing here on earth, that Your work is truly our own.

You inspired our first president to warn us that “religion and morality” were the twin pillars of our nation and that anyone who attacks these could not be considered a loyal American patriot. We recognize that in so many ways we have sinned and have allowed pornography, abortion, divorce, violence, child abuse, and a pagan mindset to infiltrate not only our minds and hearts, but worse still, the souls of our children. But we know that if we humble ourselves, repent and seek Your face, You will heal our nation and restore our land.

We are met once again, on a great battlefield, testing whether this nation or any nation so highly esteemed and dedicated can long endure. We need Your wisdom to think as You think. We need Your love to love as You love. And we need Your Spirit to act as You bid us to act.

May You bless America, land that we love; and stand beside her and guide her through this long night with your light from above. Amen.