Happy Independence Day!
Pray For Our Nation
Sunday, July 5, 2020

**1 Peter 5: 5-11 NIV**
All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. *Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. *To him be the power for ever and ever. *Amen.

1. **Repent for Our Sins**
   James 4: 7-8 Submit to God. Wash your hands, purify your hearts

2. **Earnestly Pray**
   1 Timothy 2: 1-6 Pray and intercede for all people that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.
   Romans 8:26 The Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans.
   Romans 12:12 Be patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.

3. **Stand Firm in Faith**
   Philippians 1:27 Stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one.
   Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**Conclusion:** God opposes the proud and shows favor to the humble. A contrite heart and humble spirit He will not despise. Let us humbly come before God in worship of who He is, Lord of All. Let us remain faithful in these times. Let us earnestly pray for God’s grace and healing in our nation and let us believe without a doubt as we do these things, our God will unite His people. **God Bless America!**

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**LIFE GROUP LESSON**
Pray for Our Nation—Revive Us O Lord.
Week of July 5 – July 11, 2020

**Ice Breaker:** What does Independence Day mean for you?

**Read 1 Peter 5: 5-11.**
1. What are we to clothe ourselves with? Toward whom? (v.5)
2. How does God respond to the proud? To the humble? (v.6)
3. Who else should we humble ourselves before? (v.6)
4. Should we be concerned with exalting ourselves? (v.6)
5. If we as a nation were to humble ourselves under God’s hand, what will He do for us? (v.6) Can we as one person be an example?
6. What are we to do with our worries and anxiety in these days? (v.7)
7. What is our responsibility as a Christian, at all times? Why? (v.8)
8. How might we as Christians unintentionally give way for the enemy to enter and wreak havoc in our communities and nation?
9. How can we be more alert and sober minded?
10. What are we told to do when the enemy tries his schemes to divide, conquer and destroy? (v.9)
11. What encouragement do we have as we stand firm in the faith? (v.9)
12. What strength can we draw upon as we remember believers all over the world suffer together for the sake of the Gospel?
13. What promise do we have from God during a time of suffering and hardship? (v.10)
14. What hope does this offer us for our nation in this time of great unrest?
15. Who has all power over our nation now and forever? (v.11)
16. Read 1 Timothy 2: 1-6. What should we be doing all the more in these days? For whom?
17. Read Romans 12:12. What three things are we told to remain in during times of unrest and uncertainty? How can you walk these out even more? How can you show others to follow this practice?
18. Read. Psalm 33:12. Which nations are blessed by God?

**Point to ponder:** In times of great unrest, affliction, and uncertainty, we must remain faithful to our God. Let us remember these are times of testing our faith and developing our character to endure and persevere. Let us repent where we have given way to the enemy’s schemes; let us earnestly pray for all people; let us be patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. Let us believe our God will restore unity in our nation once again.