

Heavenly Father,

It is so wonderful to be able to call You, "Father." We are your children, for which we are so very thankful! You have placed us in this beautiful country. We want to pray for our country this morning. We know You see this land. You see everything that goes on here. You see the waywardness that has been taking place. We acknowledge that there is so much that happens here that is contrary to your laws of love and justice. We are very concerned about the godless direction that this country has been taking. For some time, the United States of America has been walking away from You. In walking away from You, it is literally destroying itself. We love this country, Father. We so much enjoy living here. You have blessed us with such abundance! We have well above and beyond what we need here, yet we complain and hardly even notice the One from Whom all these blessings are flowing. Forgive us, dear Father. You have been so very patient with us, and You have been calling and calling for us to return to You. We want to come back to You. In coming back to You, we come back Home to our place of rest and peace. Move within our hearts and in the hearts of all Your people across this land. We often on a Sunday morning love to sing the song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth, and Let It Begin with Me." May it be more than just a beautiful song to us. If there is war within our hearts of any kind, dear Father, whether it be with a family member, a neighbor, a coworker, a brother or sister in Christ, or even right within ourselves, may we be the first to take the step to make peace and to invite the Prince of peace — the Lord Jesus Christ — to come into that relationship, that situation. May we choose to let His healing love bind up the wounds caused by unforgiveness and strife. May we be doers of the things You have taught us; that is, may we choose to love others with the same wonderful love with which You have loved us. This will change our country; this will change our world; this will change us! We are asking You to heal our land knowing that You want us to play a very large part in bringing about this healing. Thank You for the blessing of working together with You in this very important task!

We pray all these things in Jesus' precious name, Amen!