

THE CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER CAUCUS FOUNDATION, INC.

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR AMERICA

*T*HROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS CITIZENS AND INHABITANTS HAVE DRAWN STRENGTH, HOPE, AND GUIDANCE FROM PRAYER. FROM THE VERY FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS THROUGH EVERY FORM OF ADVERSITY AND BLESSING, AMERICANS HAVE FALLEN TO THEIR KNEES AND IMPLORED GOD ALMIGHTY TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES AND TO HEAL THEIR LAND.

THE FREEDOM UPON WHICH AMERICA IS FOUNDED AFFORDS THE RIGHT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL TO DECLINE TO PRAY IF HE OR SHE SO DESIRES. HOWEVER, THAT SAME FREEDOM ALLOWS THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER TO UTILIZE THAT GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK GOD TO BLESS AND SUSTAIN OUR NATION.

THAT FREEDOM IS NOT DIMINISHED MERELY BECAUSE ONE IS ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE. QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE CLOAK OF AUTHORITY PLACED UPON THE SHOULDERS OF A PUBLIC SERVANT SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER TO USE THAT GREAT POWER TO ASK GOD TO BLESS AND SUSTAIN THE NATION THEY LOVE AND SERVE.

CENTURIES AGO, THE BIBLE RECORDS IN 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 THAT GOD TOLD KING SOLOMON:

"If My people who are called by My Name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

IN EARLY 2005, A SMALL GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEGAN MEETING IN ROOM 219 OF THE U.S. CAPITOL TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION. THE LOCATION WAS NOT IMPORTANT, NOR WERE THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO GATHERED THERE TO PRAY. THE GRAVITY OF THEIR MEETING WAS DERIVED FROM THE HUMBLE SINCERITY OF THEIR BELIEF THAT GOD COULD HEAL AMERICA.

SOON THEREAFTER, THESE MEMBERS FORMED THE CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER CAUCUS TO VIGILANTLY WATCH AND TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS IN AMERICA TO PRAY. THEIR VISION FOR THE CAUCUS INSPIRED THE FORMATION OF SIMILAR CAUCUSES AROUND THE NATION.

AS THIS RESPONSE CONTINUES, IT BECOMES MORE AND MORE EVIDENT HOW IMPORTANT PRAYER IS TO OUR NATION. WE REALIZE THE NEED TO CALL AMERICA BACK TO PRAYER, NOT FOR A SINGLE DAY OR A SINGLE MONTH, BUT TO PRAY "WITHOUT CEASING."

WE ARE COMMITTED TO PRAYER AND ACTION TO DEFEND AND PROTECT RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF OUR NATION WHO STEPPED OUT BOLDLY TO SECURE THE ONGOING FREEDOM OF ALL AMERICANS.

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE IN PRAYER AND THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES THAT REMIND US OUR RIGHTS COME FROM ALMIGHTY GOD. ACCORDINGLY, THIS DAY WE RESPECTFULLY AND HUMBLY ISSUE THIS 'CALL TO PRAYER' FOR OUR STATE TO INVITE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS THIS COUNTRY AND THE FREEDOM FOR WHICH IT STANDS.

IT IS OUR SINCERE BELIEF THAT GOD WILL HEAR THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE AND HEAL THIS LAND. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND MAY HE CONTINUE TO BLESS AND SUSTAIN OUR STATE, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TODAY, WE PLEDGE TO: PRAY FOR AMERICA; PRAY FOR OUR NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEADERS; STAND ALONGSIDE THOSE WHO STAND FOR FAITH; MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ADVOCATE FOR FAITH AND FREEDOM IN OUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE; PROMOTE CIVILITY BECAUSE ALL PEOPLE ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES AS OF THE 16th DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2018.