

- **Jeremiah 1:5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.”
- **Exodus 20:13** “You shall not murder.”

Dear LORD: As false worship in the OT led to human sacrifice, *so immoral sex in America has led to abortion.* ♦ Show us the evil we have legalized, ♦ overwhelm us with sorrow, ♦ forgive us in Christ, and ♦ turn us to cherish human life!

4 – **STOP** These Other Sinful Practices

- **The Breakdown of Marriage and Family:** **Malachi 2:15** “Take heed... to your spirit and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.”
- **Pride and Self-Rule:** **Judges 21:25** “...everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
- **Greed and Materialism:** **1 Timothy 6:9-10** “...those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith...”
- **Dishonesty and Corruption:** **Proverbs 11:1** “A false balance is an abomination to the LORD...”
- **False Religion and Idolatry** – *anything that replaces God as the object of trust and worship:* **Exodus 20:3** “You shall have no other gods...”

- **Refusal to Repent:** **Luke 13:3** “...unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

Dear LORD: Your word is always right and best, so work through **the Law** to expose all sin and work godly sorrow. Then work through **the Gospel** to enable many to † receive the Christ and † rejoice in Your gifts of forgiveness, spiritual life, and eternal salvation!

Hopeful in THE CHRIST

Our Hope Is Not America: America cannot save us. Politics cannot save us.

This World Is Temporary: Nations come and go, *but God’s word stands forever!*

The Church’s Primary Message Is Christ: **1 Cor. 1:23** “We preach Christ crucified.”

- **Jesus** is the Son of God in flesh!
- **Jesus** † lived sinlessly – *in our place*, † died sacrificially – *to take away our sins*, and † is now risen and reigning!
- **Jesus** is offering everyone the gift of eternal life!

As We Celebrate Our 250th Anniversary: We desperately need the Almighty God – *by His Spirit through His word* – to work radical changes in our **minds** and **hearts**:

- To show us our sins!
- To fill us with Godly sorrow!
- To save all sinners through Jesus!
- To align ♦ us, ♦ our families, ♦ our churches, ♦ our communities, ♦ our states, and ♦ our nation with the full truth of the Bible!

Conclusion

We Give Thanks to the Almighty God:

- For victory over the British!
- For wise and godly leaders!
- For strong and courageous soldiers!
- For powerful weapons of war!
- For victory over many enemies!
- For law, order, and peace!
- For freedom to share God’s truth!

We Pray for Politicians at every level to make decisions that ♦ agree with God’s word, ♦ are financially responsible, and ♦ are in the best interests of our citizens!

We Pray for Repentance in every heart!

We Pray for Spiritual Sight so everyone can see ♦ God’s truth, ♦ God’s love, and ♦ God’s gift of eternal life through Jesus!

We Pray for Spiritual Transformation as the Holy Spirit does His powerful work *through Law and Gospel* to bring many into God’s kingdom!

Psalm 33:12 “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...”

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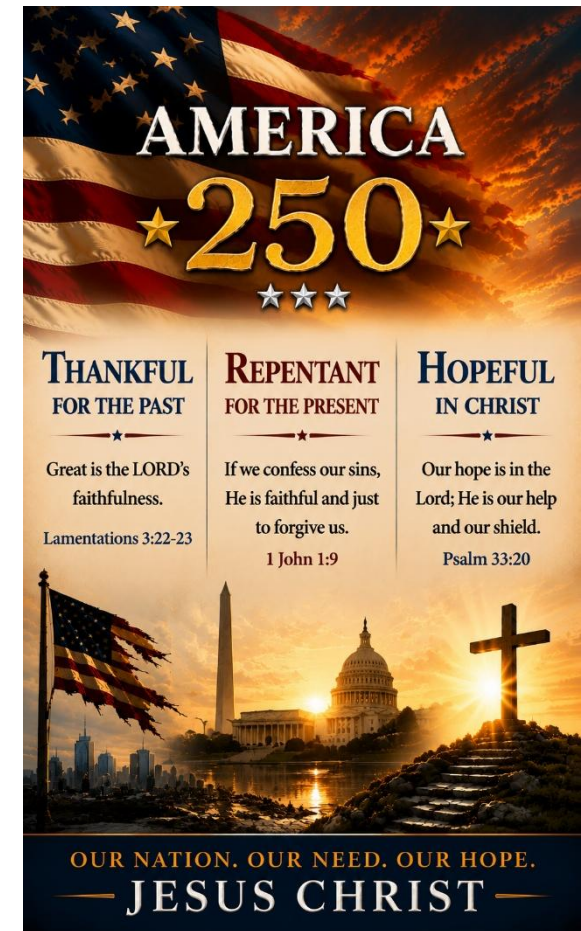
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Introduction

Dear Fellow American!

Through the providence and blessing of **the Almighty God**, the United States of America ♦ was established and ♦ has been sustained for the past **250 years!**

This Brochure Includes Three Parts:

- Thankful for the Past!
- Repentant for the Present!
- Hopeful in the Christ!

Thankful for THE PAST

The American Revolutionary War

The War: It was fought between the thirteen colonies and Great Britain, beginning in April 1775, with the battles of Lexington and Concord (both in eastern MA) and ending with British defeat in 1783 at Yorktown (on the coast of VA).

- **Daniel 2:21** “The LORD removes kings and establishes kings.”

The Reasons for the War: The colonies fought primarily over issues of political freedom and justice, including ✦taxation without representation, ✦restrictions on self-government, and ✦perceived violations of their rights as English subjects. Many colonists believed they were resisting unjust authority and defending liberty.

- **Acts 5:29** “We must obey God rather than men.”

The Unlikelihood of Victory: At the start of the war, the colonies were at a major disadvantage. Britain had ✦the world’s strongest navy, ✦a professional army, ✦greater financial resources, and ✦global reach. The colonies had ☹no established national army, ☹limited supplies, and ☹no international support at first. Most observers expected a swift British victory.

- **Proverbs 21:31** “The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the LORD.”

God’s Gift of Victory: The eventual victory of the colonies is often understood by

Christians as an example of God’s providential rule over nations. Through key events such as ✦the alliance with France, ✦strategic endurance, and ✦the final victory at Yorktown, the outcome shifted in a way few expected, *which reflects God’s hidden governance of history* – not favoritism toward a nation, but God’s sovereign ability to ✦humble the strong and ✦preserve His purposes.

- **Daniel 4:17** “The Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom He will.”

Our Proper Response: Those events should lead not to national pride, but to **humility and repentance before God**. Any national blessing is ultimately **received, not earned**. God calls all nations to ✦repent and ✦trust Him. Our ultimate hope is not in national strength, but in Christ who alone is **the Savior of sinners and the true hope of every nation!**

- **Acts 17:30** “[God] commands all people everywhere to repent.”

A Change of Minds and Hearts: Consider these words of John Adams – who ✦signed the declaration, ✦served as the first Vice President and second President, ✦was the father of John Quincy Adams – the sixth President, and ✦died on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence: The American Revolution took place “in the **minds and hearts of the people**” – a “**radical Change in the Principles, Opinions, [Feelings], and [Love] of the People... was the real American Revolution**” (Imprimis, 6,7,26).

Repentant for THE PRESENT

Important Facts to Understand

God’s Law Is True for Every Nation: God’s moral will cannot be revised by societies. When societies ignore God’s Word, confusion follows. For example:

- **Proverbs 29:18** “Where there is no vision [no respect for God’s word], the people are unrestrained.” // *Lawless!*
- **Hosea 4:1** “...the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God...” // *Such is becoming true of Americans!*

God’s Law Reveals Sin in Every Culture: All nations drift when God is ignored. The **Romans Chapter 1** downward spiral:

1. God’s truth is suppressed.
2. Evolution is embraced.
3. Homosexuality is accepted.
4. Punishment is promised.

Important Ways to Repent

Our Sinful Hearts Naturally Desire to Sin: When ✦US laws legalize sin **or** when ✦US churches encourage sin (*or no longer speak against sin*), multitudes are led ☹into sin and ☹away from the Christ. Here are a few examples...

1 – STOP Reversing Good and Evil

Bible: God condemns government systems that redefine evil as good:

- **Isaiah 5:20** “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.” // “Woe” is

one of the *strongest expressions* of warning and impending judgment!

- **Isaiah 10:1–2** “Woe to those who enact evil statutes and to those who constantly record unjust decisions...”

Dear LORD: Strongly compel all American politicians and judges to ✦**START** fearing You and respecting Your word, ✦**STOP** calling evil good, and ✦**START** serving to Your glory and the benefit of our citizens!

2 – STOP Soul-Destroying Sexual Activity

So immoral and yet so common: Among ✦all adults: **60%**; ✦unmarried adults: **70%**; ✦cohabitating couples: **90%**

Huge Problem: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 “Do not be deceived;

- neither fornicators [sex when unmarried],
- ...nor adulterers [sex with someone else],
- nor effeminate [the passive partner],
- nor homosexuals [the active partner] ... will inherit the kingdom of God.”

Bible: Marriage is for male and female; sexual activity is reserved for marriage. God’s truth, godly sorrow, and repentance are essential for life and salvation!

Dear LORD: Since You have bought us with a *tremendous price*, we belong to You, so help us to glorify You in our bodies!

3 – STOP Murdering the Innocent

Highest cause of death in the US: **Abortion = 1 million/year** (second highest: heart disease = 700,000/year).

Bible: Life is ✦created by God and ✦precious in His sight: