#### Conclusion

- Truth It's Important: Politicians want our vote, so they are tempted to tell us what we want to hear, even when it's not true. All lying is wrong, some lying is evil. Since actions speak louder than words, let us weigh actions over words.
- Covid-19 Let Us Not Be Afraid: Some are \*using the topic and \*exaggerating the numbers to induce fear. According to the CDC, in the last few months, only 2 in every 100,000 have died of Covid-19.¹ So, let us \*trust in Jesus, \*be sure of heaven, and \*be at peace!
- Worry Don't: 2 Chronicles 20:6 "O LORD... are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You." // Because of God's power, position, and love, let us \*trust in Him and \*rest in Him!
- Voting Let us be well informed voters:
  - o To honor our Great God!
  - To seek God's blessing on our nation!
  - To proclaim God's truth to the world!
  - To bless our children, grandchildren, and all others until Jesus returns!

Pastor Robert Green

# **Prayer For Our Nation**

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember

Your generosity and constantly do Your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action.

Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people.

Support us in defending our liberties and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# **Next Steps**

Register to Vote: click here (deadline: 10/7)

Review the Major Party Platforms:

- Democrats: <a href="https://democrats.org/where-we-stand/party-platform/">https://democrats.org/where-we-stand/party-platform/</a>
- Republicans:
   <a href="https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/2">https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/2</a>
   024-republican-party-platform

Bible passages are from the NAS Bible, 1995 version.

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#### Introduction

<u>Dear Friend</u>: I certainly want God's blessing to rest upon our nation – *upon us, our children, grandchildren, and all loyal Americans!* 

This brochure will explain: Some \*basic facts and \*important Bible passages. May such things guide us and others to \*stand with God and \*be a blessing to our nation.

### **Basic Facts**

- <u>Creation</u>: God created the world and brought all good into existence (Gen. 1).
- <u>Nations</u>: God establishes and sustains all nations (Rom. 13).
- Moses, gave ancient Israel two options:

  "...I am setting before you today a
  blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you
  listen to the commandments of the
  LORD your God...; and the curse, if you
  do not listen to the commandments of
  the LORD your God, but turn aside from
  the way which I am commanding you..."
  (Deuteronomy 11:26-28).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#maps deaths-3-months

- What happened to ancient Israel?
   For a while they listened and were blessed, then they turned away and were cursed.
- What about our nation from its founding through WWII? "The US had won almost all the major wars it fought before 1945."
- What about our nation after 1945? "America fought five major wars... including Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan... Except for the Gulf War... [with the land campaign lasting only 100 hours], America lost all other wars." Why? Because we turned away from God ☺.
- Good Opportunity: As American citizens, we have the right to vote. Even though all candidates are sinners, let us
   be registered voters, \*study the candidates, and \*vote for the ones who are most in line with God's word.

### **Important Bible Passages**

- Law Enforcement: Ecclesiastes 8:11 "Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil."
  - What is the verse saying? If a criminal is not punished quickly, other criminals will be emboldened to commit even worse crimes (see

- the video link in footnote 3).<sup>3</sup>
- What is vital for our safety?
   Proper laws, \*tough policing, and
   a criminal justice system that properly and quickly punishes all lawbreakers.
- As God commanded the Israelites to be tough on criminals, so, let us
   \*stand with God and \*support a strong, fair, and swift system of law enforcement.
- Climate: Genesis 8:22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."
  - The Almighty God who \*created all things and \*has sustained us to this day has promised to maintain the seasons and the temperatures until the end of the world.
  - So, let us \*trust in God's ongoing care and \*oppose the spending of trillions of dollars to try to do what God is already doing.
- Abortion: Exodus 21:22-25 "If men struggle with each other and [accidentally] strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide. But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, eye for eye, tooth

- for tooth..." // That passage describes accidental injury or death. Abortion is premeditated murder. Since God is for life, let us \*support life and \*adoption!
- Homosexuality: Romans 1:25-27 "...they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator... For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts..." // God is against the sin of homosexuality, so let us \*stand with God, \*love homosexuals, and \*call sinners of all kinds to repent and believe!
- Transgender (identifying with a gender that is different from a person's sex assigned at birth): Deuteronomy 22:5 "A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination [disgusting] to the LORD your God." // Since God opposes a person wearing the clothes of the other gender, He certainly opposes those who identify as the other gender and try to surgically change themselves into the other gender. So, let us ▶stand with God and ▶oppose all Gender-Affirming Care for all people under 18 years of age.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.siasat.com/why-does-us-lose-all-its-wars-bbc-analysis-2186400/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAlcsHh8vso