

Stand Fast in the **LIBERTY!**

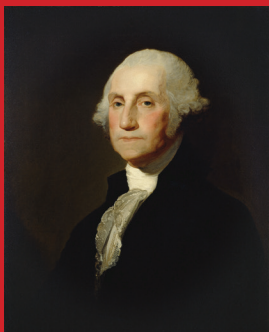
WASHINGTON'S PRAYERS FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you and the State over which you preside, in his holy protection that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field.

And finally, that he would most graciously be pleas'd to dispose us all to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the Characteristicks of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation....

—GEORGE WASHINGTON

(From: "George Washington to the States, 8 June 1783:"
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...Almighty Father, if it is thy holy will, that we shall obtain a place and a name among the nations of the earth, grant that we may be enabled to show our gratitude for thy goodness, by our endeavours to fear and obey thee. Bless us with wisdom in our councils, success in battle, and let all our victories be tempered with humanity. Endow also our enemies with enlightened minds, that they may become sensible of their injustice, and willing to restore our liberty and peace. Grant the petition of thy servant for the sake of Him whom thou hast called thy Beloved Son; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done. Amen.

—GEORGE WASHINGTON

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