

# Pray for America.

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

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 -

*Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince  
of Peace,  
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,  
who so often said, "Peace to you,"  
grant us peace.  
Make all men and women witnesses of truth,  
justice, and brotherly love.  
Banish from their hearts whatever might  
endanger peace.  
Enlighten our rulers that they may  
guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.  
May all peoples on the earth  
become as brothers and sisters.  
May longed for peace blossom forth  
and reign always over us all.*

*- Pope John Paul II*

## FOOD FROM HEAVEN

God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn't want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn't want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn't want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ.

## PRAYER FOR OUR GOVERNMENT

by Archbishop John Carroll, November 10, 1791

Through whom authority is rightly administered,  
laws are enacted, and judgment decreed,  
assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude  
the President of these United States, that his  
administration may be conducted in righteousness,  
and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom  
he presides;  
by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion;  
by a faithful execution  
of the laws in justice and mercy;  
and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of Thy divine wisdom  
direct the deliberations of Congress,  
and shine forth in all the proceedings  
and laws framed for our rule  
and government, so that they  
may tend to the preservation of peace,  
the promotion of national happiness,  
the increase of industry, sobriety,  
and useful knowledge;  
and may perpetuate to us  
the blessing of equal liberty.

Amen