

During this season of politics with all its talk, arguing, debating, and rancor, let's pray daily for our world leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-6). Let's also pray for us, the followers of Jesus, to be the Lord's holy nation: a nation that transcends nationalities, borders, language, party affiliation, and race. A people that long to bring all people to know the glory and grace of God.

### **The Great Call** — The Call to be God's Holy People (1 Peter 2:9-12 NIV)

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light... Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

### **The Great Compass** — The Master's Model Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV)

*Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Your kingdom  
come.  
  
Your will be done  
  
On earth as it is in  
heaven.*

### **The Great Command** — "The Jesus Shema" (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 22:37-40 NIV)

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! ... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.*

### **The Great Commission** — Jesus' Last Words, Our First Priority (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*