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## **General Washington's Prayer for You**

In June 1783, the newborn United States of America stood on the cusp of victory over the British Empire after years of struggle. Many had doubted General George Washington's capability as a military commander, but he emerged from the conflict a hero of the people. Yet on the eve of America's triumph, crucial questions were being asked about what kind of nation America would be. Uncertainty abounded.

In the midst of that uncertainty, General Washington issued a circular letter to the states, addressed to the state governors but intended for widespread readership by every citizen. In it, Washington declared, "The Citizens of America, placed in the most enviable condition... are now... acknowledged to be possessed of absolute freedom and Independancy." Thankfully, the Indispensable Man did more than acknowledge our citizenry's freedom. He told us how to use it.

General Washington's final call to action before resigning his commission as commander of the Continental Army came in the form of a prayer:

"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 & 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 & pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristicks [sic] of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion & without an humble imitation [sic] of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

General George Washington's prayer was for Americans to "do Justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves." This comes directly from God's Word where in Micah 6:8 we read, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Every patriot in America should take personal responsibility to live up to General Washington's prayer for us. Reflecting the timeless wisdom of Scripture, Washington's charge is just as appropriate a prescription for our nation today as it was in 1783.

However, we must do more than strive to live up to Washington's prayer. We must add our prayers to his own. I am no pastor, priest, or minister, but every American patriot needs to understand the crucial role of fervent prayer and fasting if we wish to be effective. Like so many others who gave everything to build our nation, Washington prayed for us to stand strong as a Christian nation. All these years later, America still stands.

Pray for America, work for her continued success, and trust Almighty God to bless your efforts. Only a people who embrace the Judeo-Christian roots of our Founders can hope to live in full enjoyment of our "absolute freedom and Independency."

My friends at [Defend Our Union](#) are hosting a National Day of Prayer and Fasting this Sunday. I hope you will join their efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Flynn", with a large, stylized loop at the end of the signature.

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