



# Resolution

## Praying for Peace in the United States

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- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures reveal to us that Eve is the mother of all the living (Genesis 3:20), all humanity is descended from common parentage (Acts 17:26), and all people ought to be treated with dignity as beings created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27; cf. James 3:9-10).
- WHEREAS** Our Lord Jesus Christ said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).
- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures teach us that government authorities are responsible under God to uphold a good and orderly society (Romans 13:1–7).
- WHEREAS** The United States Declaration of Independence states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”
- WHEREAS** America faces monumental challenges, including festering domestic wounds based on race, ethnicity, religion, and ideological affiliation that have stirred deep divisions and even violence. Indeed, 2017 was marked by an alarming escalation of vicious slander, hateful vandalism of property, and wanton thuggery.
- THEREFORE  
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RESOLVED** NRB expresses thanksgiving to our Lord for creating all human beings in His image, and we give thanks that believers from every race and ethnicity are all one in Christ. NRB calls on its members to embrace equality and reconciliation, specifically being mindful in neighbor love and ministry partnerships to reach across racial, ethnic, and partisan lines that have divided too many for too long, demonstrating through love that we are His disciples.
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RESOLVED** NRB denounces any form of racism, anti-Semitism, or ethnic discrimination, and NRB opposes the actions of those who would seek to inflame tension for their own gain.
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RESOLVED** In the spirit of Psalm 140, NRB prays for deliverance for our churches, our ministries, our communities, and our nation from the venom and traps of violent individuals “who plan evil things in their heart and stir up wars continually” (verse 2).
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RESOLVED** NRB thanks and honors those agents of government who dutifully and bravely work to uphold a just and orderly society in which the constitutional freedoms of every citizen, regardless of background, are enjoyed through the structure of the law.