### **REPENTANCE & MERCY**

#### REPENTANCE

Father, I humble my heart and find a place of DEEP REPENTANCE for the times that I, as part of the body of Christ, have not stood for righteousness and for the times I did not stand against what You are against.

You look to the ones who have a "*poor and a contrite spirit, and who trembles at Your Word*" (Isaiah 66:2b). I repent with a humbled heart as I fear You, Lord. I confess and repent that my silence is passive acceptance and submission to the plans of the enemy. I acknowledge that I cannot expose darkness while I am silent.

Abba Father, as part of the body of Christ, I REPENT. Forgive me for being double minded (Matt. 6:24) and not standing for Your truth.

- Forgive me for any cowardice and complacency in my life and times I have not loved the things You love and hated the things You hate (Psalm 119:113).
- Forgive me for the times I "*have fellowshipped with the unfruitful works of darkness* rather than *expose them*" as You directed us in Eph. 5:11.
- Forgive me Lord, for my pride and for exalting ourselves, instead of *"humbling ourselves that You may exalt us in due time"* (1 Peter 5:6, Matthew 23:12).
- Forgive me Lord, for always focusing on the speck in my neighbors eye instead of "*considering the plank in my own eye*" (Matthew 7:3-4).
- Forgive us for becoming a nation that says, "*I am rich and have become wealthy and have need of nothing*," for in our pride we have become "*wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked*" (Revelation 3:17).
- Forgive me and forgive my nation for coming into agreement with idolatry, promiscuity, fornication, adultery, pornography, prostitution, homosexuality and every form of perversion that has been sacrificed on the altar of "tolerance" (Ex. 20:3-6, Psalm 115:4-8, Matt.5:27-28, Exod. 20:14, Prov. 6:32, Lev. 20:13, 1 Corn. 6:9, Rom. 1:26-27 & 1 Cor. 5:1-5).
- Forgive me, our state and nation for not standing stronger against the prochoice movement and the "*hands that shed innocent blood*" (Prov. 6:17b).

- Forgive me, forgive the state(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, and forgive our nation's apathy toward abortion and the pro-choice and transgender movements and for not standing with You, our Creator God, in Your original intent for our children (Gen. 1:27).
- Forgive me for when I talked about another member of the body of Christ allowing the enemy to divert my energies from your plans and purposes to idol gossip (Lev. 19:16).
- Forgive me for when I have wrestled with another believer rather than walking in unity as one in the body of Christ (John 17).
- Forgive me for the times I have not stood for righteousness, thus bringing reproach on my state and nation (Prov. 14:34b).

I acknowledge that "a little leaven, leavens the whole lump (1 Cor. 5:6). "Cleanse me from my sin, for I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only have I sinned" (Psalm 51:2-3).

Father, place my sin of passive acceptance under the blood of Your Son, Yeshua. I proclaim that from this point forward, I will object to and protest the things that You abhor and I will cling to what is good and righteous, demonstrating genuine love for You and Your commandments (Rom. 12:9).

I will stand up for what is righteous; building our state into Your righteous kingdom (Prov. 31:9)

#### TAKE COMMUNION HERE

#### MERCY

Now that we have repented and are in right standing with You, we petition You for MERCY over our state and nation.

We know the "*time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God*"1 Peter 4:17a). Cleanse the body of Christ so you can bring righteousness to our nation. For "*if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God*?" (1 Peter 4:17b).

Father, You are "gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness" (Psalms 145:8). We come into agreement with James 2:13 that "MERCY triumphs over Judgment."

Therefore, we will "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain *MERCY and find grace to help in time of need*" (Heb. 4:16).

We cry out between the porch and the altar, (Joel 2), and say, "*Have MERCY on* us, *O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender MERCIES*" (Psalm 51:1b).

We acknowledge according to Psalm 136 that Creator God never runs out of MERCY! We cry out to access that MERCY on behalf of our nation.

We cry out as did David in Psalm 51:1 ... "blot out our transgressions according to Your loving-kindness and according to the multitude of Your tender MERCIES." Today, our hearts stand in repentance and humility asking for Your MERCY covering over the state(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ and our nation.

*"Thou, O Lord, art good and ready to forgive; and plenteous in MERCY unto all them who call upon Thee"* (Ps. 86:5). So, we call on You today with broken and contrite hearts, over the sin in our nation.

We declare, "You are a shield to all those who put their trust in You" (Prov. 30:5) and therefore, we stand armed with Your Word to declare You are the shield for the state(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ because we put our trust in You.

"Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing; for my God is our defense and the God of our MERCY." We will sing of Thy power; yea, we will sing aloud of Thy MERCY in the morning; for You are our defense and refuge in the day of trouble" (Psalm 59: 16-17).

We will keep Your commandments and You say, "You show MERCY unto thousands of them that love You and keep Your commandments" (Deut. 5:10).

Jesus, Your blood speaks eternally from the MERCY seat and therefore we receive that MERCY and declare it over the state(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ and nation.

#### **READ Psalm 136**

Let one person read the first line of each verse and everyone else read the end statement of "**For His mercy endures forever**." \*\*\* AFTER... If necessary, spend additional time in prayer and repentance.

#### PSALM 136 (NKJ)

<sup>1</sup>Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He* is good! For His mercy endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. <sup>3</sup>Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever: <sup>4</sup> To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever: <sup>5</sup> To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>6</sup> To Him who laid out the earth above the waters. For His mercy endures forever; <sup>7</sup> To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever— <sup>8</sup> The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>9</sup> The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever. <sup>10</sup> To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>11</sup>And brought out Israel from among them, For His mercy endures forever;

<sup>12</sup> With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>13</sup> To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>14</sup> And made Israel pass through the midst of it, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>15</sup> But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>16</sup> To Him who led His people through the wilderness, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>17</sup> To Him who struck down great kings, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>18</sup>And slew famous kings, For His mercy endures forever-<sup>19</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>20</sup> And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy endures forever-<sup>21</sup>And gave their land as a heritage, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>22</sup> A heritage to Israel His servant, For His mercy endures forever. <sup>23</sup>Who remembered us in our lowly state, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>24</sup> And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy endures forever; <sup>25</sup> Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever. <sup>26</sup>Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.