

Washington's Dedication Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD,

We make our **EARNEST** prayer that Thou wilt keep the **UNITED STATES** in Thy Holy protection; and Thou wilt incline the hearts of the **CITIZENS** to **CULTIVATE** a spirit of **SUBORDINATION** and **OBEDIENCE** to **GOVERNMENT**; and **ENTERTAIN** a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their **BRETHERN** who have served in the Field.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do **JUSTICE**, to love **MERCY**, and to **DEMEAN** ourselves with that **CHARITY**, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the Characteristics of the **DIVINE AUTHOR** of our blessed Religion, and without a humble **IMITATION** of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our **SUPPLICATION**, we **BESEECH** Thee, through **JESUS CHRIST** our Lord. Amen.

~ **GEORGE WASHINGTON**