

## “CELEBRATING AMERICA’S FREEDOM”

### 1. RECOGNIZE WHAT’S RIGHT WITH AMERICA

#### A. We value and provide freedom for people

“All the nations will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. All wars will stop, and military training will come to an end. Everyone will live quietly in their own homes in peace and prosperity, for there will be nothing to fear.” Micah 4:3 (NLT)

“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 them are Life, **LIBERTY**, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of **LIBERTY** to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the **FREEDOM** of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

#### B. We welcome others into our country

“And on that day, says the Lord Almighty, each of you will invite your neighbor into your home to share your peace and prosperity.” Zech. 3:10 (NLT)

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

#### C. We offer opportunities for success and excellence

“Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles. . .” 1 Pet. 2:12 (NAS)

#### D. We help others in need

“You (God) will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so people can no longer terrify them.” Ps. 10:18 (NLT)

#### E. We have recognized our need for God

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” Ps. 33:12 (NAS)

### 2. SHOW LOVE FOR OUR COUNTRY

#### A. Obey your country

“Obey the government, for God is the one who put it there. All governments have been placed in power by God. So those who refuse to obey the laws of the land are refusing to obey God.” Rom.13:1 (NLT)

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” Matt. 22:21 (NIV)

#### B. Honor your country

“Give everyone what you owe him. . . if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.” Rom.13:7 (NIV)

### 3. PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY

“I urge. . . that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all Godliness and holiness.” 1 Tim. 2:1-2 (NIV)

The way God moves is through the prayers of His people.

“Then if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.” 2 Chron. 7:14 (NLT)