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"NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE"

The Bible tells us that "the work of righteousness shall be peace." On February 21 of this year the President of the United States will begin a journey to do the work of righteousness. He will go to do the work of a people who, however often we may falter and fail in our efforts, still seek to be a righteous people -- a people who covet no nation's holdings.

We covet the future, because it belongs to our children and their children and on. It belongs as well to the children of those who would make themselves our adversaries, and we cannot suppose that the leaders or the laborers of any nation love their children less than we love our own. This much we share with them and more. We share the same planet, and the same destiny as inhabitants of this planet. We share the same fate as children of a just God, Who must judge us all. We share the same responsibility for our deeds-- and we cannot suppose that a just God finds satisfaction in the pain of some of his creatures, and sorrow in the pain of others--so that our deeds must be judged equally with the deeds of those whom we oppose in the world.

In these things that we share, the peoples of the world are united. We see this clearly. It is our hope that the leaders of the other great powers also see it clearly. By what we hold in common, we hope to find a common road to peace. We believe that there is today as great an opportunity as has occurred in this century to find a lasting peace. In this belief and in this hope, President Nixon will go in search of that peace.

And as we all share in the desire for peace, so we must all share in the hope that he will succeed. But our hopes alone are not sufficient. We must send our prayers as well.

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