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### Hope for a Third Great Awakening in America

Tens of thousands of Christians gathered on the National Mall and at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on September 26, 2020 for a National Day of Prayer and Return, calling all Americans to return to God and to heal the nation. With freedom of religion, freedom of worship, freedom of conscience, and freedom of speech in jeopardy today, these two worship services focused on a theme of repentance and prayer, rejecting sin and returning to God in turbulent times.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn and Rev. Franklin Graham, organizers of the events, explained that America is a nation that started in covenant with God 400 years ago to glorify Him and spread His gospel to the whole world (see Mayflower Compact, 1620). But the country has spiraled down to legislate immorality. Jonathan Cahn said, "We drove God out of our hearts, out of our government, out of our ways, out of our laws, out of the education of our children, out of the public squares."<sup>(1)</sup>

The enthusiasm of the thousands attending is reminiscent of the First Great Awakening, a spiritual revival led by inspirational preachers prior to the American Revolution. A Second Great Awakening before the Civil War, also led by preachers, exhorted repentance and a return to God and his Ten Commandments.

President Trump took part in the event sending a message from the White House:

"On this inaugural National Day of Prayer and Return, the First Lady and I join millions of Christians here in the United States and around the world in prayer, as we turn our hearts to our Lord and Savior."

"Our great Nation was founded by men and women of deep and abiding faith - a faith that has stood the test of time. Four Hundred years ago, early American settlers trusted their lives to His providence and braved a voyage to a New world..."

"The trials and tribulations the American people have faced over the past several months have been great. Yet, as we have seen time and again, the resolve of our citizenry - fortified by faith in God - has guided us through these hardships and helped to unite us as one Nation under God."<sup>(2)</sup>

Such public gatherings, based on faith and morals, are meant to be protected under first amendment freedoms. In recent decades these freedoms have been diminished and denied by cultural norms and government edict. A Third Great Awakening would return God to his rightful place in this nation founded on inalienable rights from our Creator.

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