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Good morning saints, yes, our community and all Christian communities are saints. Al defines saints “as a holy person, who is set apart for God”. I know, I am made holy by Jesus death and resurrection. However, there is much more to holy Christian living than just being saved. Being set apart for God means I need to follow Jesus example of living. His life examples were caring for the poor, confronting the exploitation of people, caring for the sick and helping the stranger. Matthew 25:31–36 offers a good description of actions for me to implement.

Recently friends and strangers have shared they are having difficulties with sleeping. They cannot fall asleep or they wake up and cannot fall back to sleep. They lie awake thinking about the challenging times and polarization in our country. They recall pictures from the news of political name calling, accusations of lying and fraud allegations and people losing their government jobs. Also pictures of masked ICE agents chasing and apprehending hard working immigrants, the starving children in Gaza and the destructions in Ukraine.

Recently, I spent time hiking in England and Wales with friends. Numerous people from England and Wales asked about the turmoil in our country and frankly their fears and mistrust of President Trump. One woman whose church offered us tea and biscuits shared her exhaustion and hopelessness. She said, “I pray every day for the people in the United States and for justice to be done. After I pray, I am optimistic but by the end of the day I hear more news and I am hopeless”. I experience similar feelings.

One of my routines is to pray the Lord’s Prayer every morning. When I pray “your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. I have pictures of the chaos and turmoil in our country. I think of the homeless, people without medical care and threats of losing their medical

insurance and federal workers losing their jobs and not being paid. The pictures of bad news could go on and on.

My faith tells me to keep praying and to be active in implementing God's Kingdom and His will on this earth. Praying, advocating for the poor and oppressed and giving financial support are three things I can do.

I am not trying to tell you what you should do. All of us are capable creating plans for establishing God's will and Kingdom. I can focus my prayers for our government leaders. I can take actions by voting, writing letters to our local, state and federal leaders in Congress. I can financially support organizations for the poor. I and Mary realize the "Big Beautiful Bill" will help us financially. Rather than feeling guilty over us receiving tax benefits while others are denied financial benefits. We can increase our donations. I believe as a saint the practice of prayer, advocating for the oppressed and providing financial support sets me apart for God.

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