





# President Joe Biden:

## The man on a rescue mission ...

It is important that we should all take cognizance of this important fact that Joe Biden is not America and America is not Joe Biden. The outcome of the 2020 Presidential election in America reveals to all and sundry that democracy is dynamic, a journey as well as an experience. What happened to Mr. Donald Trump was a revelation of the fact that there is time and season for everything, thereby confirming the truism that leaders who fail to change their minds in the port will inevitably sink in the sea. Noteworthy is the fact that Former President Barack Obama invented the slogan of "Yes, we can". However, with the 46th President of the United States of America Joseph R. Biden, this slogan is further extended to prove a stronger point as it says; "Yes, together we can". The insight gained into the purpose why Biden emerged is further demonstrated and revealed through his thoughts, one of which is the fact that for a long time America had kept the faith but to him now is the time to spread the faith.

It is important at this juncture to correct some negative impressions held by both Americans and non-Americans about the ideological beliefs of the

Democrats in relation to Biblical injunctions. Holding a belief is different from having the belief to hold one. For instance, the Democrats believe in the inalienable rights of EVERY American regardless of race, gender and sexual orientation and that is what makes America. That is who we are and that is what differentiates us from others. So it is time to discard all destructive conjectures and colorations that tend to paint Joe Biden as a non-believer and come to the understanding that even Jesus Christ came not for the saved but for the lost. It is painful when you see people display their ignorance shamelessly, especially those who are in position of teaching others. Many prophecies were pronounced by ministers of God within and outside America, especially the Evangelical Republicans, in favor of the former President Donald Trump and unfortunately the outcome of the election proved them wrong and painted a picture of insensitivity and carnality. God does not see as man sees and He rewards everyone according to His deeds. To the ministers of God outside the United States, it is important that you should all mind your businesses and deal with the problems in your countries first and foremost before poke

before poking your noses into other countries' affairs. This is America and not any other country.

The invasion of the capitol Hill on the 6th of January supporters of Donald Trump, which is unprecedented and constitutes an insurrection against America's democracy, was an act of God to expose who Donald Trump truly is from inside to outside. How can a leader be sent by God to make a country great and at the same time be the chief master-minder of an insurrection against the country that he was sent to savage? God is not the author of confusion and cannot be mocked. All that Donald J. Trump failed to do in practice to make America great and all that he did, which were counter-productive to the progress and development of America, both within and outside America have become history and history does not die. President Joe Biden should not be distracted by the noise of all the adversaries of America both at home and abroad but should be focused as he has begun from day one on being the man and president on a rescuing mission. There is the need also for him to be instructed by the wisdom of Hebrew 12:1 – 2:

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***Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.***

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We pray that God shall grant President Joe Biden and his team the requisite wisdom, grace and divine guidance to lead America in the path of truth and righteousness and to the extent that the righteousness of God shall exalt America. God bless America.



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The USA has been through a hard, hard, time. We have looked frightening to ourselves and weak and undependable to the world, and are still puzzled how large a minority of our population can both claim to be Christian and support the behavior and policies of the previous administration.

I have great hopes for Joe Biden, and many of those hopes stem from the fact that he practices his Christian faith, both as a personal and political ethic and as a member of the worshiping community – unlike his predecessor. It will be a difficult struggle for him and our fellow citizens to realize those hopes, but we are confident that he and we will make a legitimate effort to do so.

He must re-establish, to a national and international audience, the rule of law and the expectation of competence in government. He must deliver enough to those who didn't support him that they can't avoid noticing that they are safer, more prosperous, and less embarrassed than they have been in recent years. He must do it without backing away in the slightest from his commitment to fight racial injustice, white supremacy, the further concentration of power in the richest one percent of our population, and the unchecked advance of climate change. He must disconnect our government from its cooperation with international bullies. And he must throw all our resources, right now, into defeating the pandemic that has crippled life around the world for a year.

To accomplish those things he and we must identify the causes of the fears that have energized his opponents. Some of those fears are legitimate, as people who have seen their dominance of this society ebbing away. It needs to ebb away, and

we must be convincing in our commitment to the frightened that they can prosper and live well even if rich white people no longer run the country. That will require enormous creativity at every level of leadership, and must be unmistakably clear in the President. To fail in that would produce further and dangerous alienation between camps that could wage war and did so for a few hours on January 6th.

*The saving of souls, both individual and national, often requires repentance. We have much to repent in our history of slavery, Jim Crow, and systemic racism. But we also must repent our attitude of moral superiority and our inattention to the pain of people who see themselves outcompeted by international rivals, immigrants, and minorities*

The competition is real and must continue. It's good for the health of the world, including the US, but unless we can provide a soft landing for those who hate it, they will remain hostile. Their hostility will undermine all these efforts if they can't believe we care about their losses and will work to minimize the ones that can be diminished without betrayal of the central mission. If we merely hate them, they will hate us all the more, and the hatred will destroy anything else that could be accomplished.





I trust the President to know better than I know what specific programs have the greatest likelihood of success: infrastructure jobs, higher taxes on the wealthy, retraining for those displaced from energy sector jobs, appointment of a conservative or two in highly visible positions. All or none of those might work. I trust him to surround himself with people who know what they're doing, and I trust him to listen to them. We and he need to be as nimble as a democracy can manage to be, noticing successes and failures quickly and adjusting course to capitalize on the most promising avenues.

And he must keep the faith, allowing his lifetime of Catholic teachings on the preferential option for the poor, the equality of all persons before God and the law, and the choice of international cooperation rather than the attempt at domination govern his decision-making. I believe he will, and it is our responsibility as citizens to help that happen through our engagement, our voices, our opinions, and our work.

*He can't do it alone, and unlike his predecessor, I don't think he'll try.*



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White House

As President Biden assumes office, the country has split between those that are angry over perceived injustices and those that are hopeful for a new day based on facts and reason. Consequently, the most important issue facing President Biden will be to strive for a new way of unifying our nation. Unification cannot be accomplished, however, unless there is truth telling and an effort toward justice that invites all parts of our U.S. society to participate. “Truth and Justice” is the mandate of this new administration.

In order to address those injustices, national efforts need to be made in addressing systemic racism, systemic poverty, the denial of health care (including Covid-19 relief), the gun culture, the war economy, ecological devastation, and the concept that God chooses sides. This is not an easy task and cannot be accomplished in only four years, so the most important step is to establish long-term systems that work on these issues for years to come.

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*As a person of faith, President Biden knows the importance of confessing the sins of the past and working to overcome the systems that supported those sins. I am not talking just about the last four years, but rather the sins that have been a part of our system since the founding of our country – sins such as racism, nationalism, privilege, and domination. These are the sins that led to the injustices and lies of centuries, as well as the last four years.*



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I love a good argument where no one gets mean but everyone gets to express their feelings and ideas and everyone else truly listens to what is said. I find it the most productive way to come together to make good decisions, no matter what the issue. A national process for healthy argument is what I believe our founders envisioned when they established the three

branches of government. However, that process has been subverted by those who seek power and privilege over others. They are not interested in listening to anyone but themselves and those that agree with them. They are not interested in shared results but only in getting their own way.

*President Joe Biden and wife, Dr. Jill Biden*



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We need changes in our democratic system that will allow it to remain fair and democratic. Instead of politicians making their own decisions about how to gerrymander their districts to remain in office, citizens should be involved after every census to determine the redistricting that needs to happen. Instead of meddling in the decisions of the Justice Department, Presidents should allow the department to remain independent enough to make decisions based on law. Instead of a focus on doing only that which will help a politician win the next election, there needs to be a focus on the needs of the people that will empower them to lead lives of health and wholeness. Instead of name calling based on inaccurate information, there needs to be truth telling and exposure to the stories of the lives of real persons. Storytelling is a powerful tool of changing people's minds and it can help power grabbing be replaced with power sharing.

Sometimes that engagement will take the form of writing letters to our leaders, and other times it will take the form of peaceful protests in the streets. Persons of faith cannot shy away from the real issues of our day and just leave them to God, or even to our new President. To be part of a democratic nation involves participation in civic society and in persuading our leaders to act responsibly to represent our interests, not just their own. Persons of faith bring a strong ethical perspective to U.S. society and that can make a real difference in the way our country speaks truth and pursues justice



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*The prayers of persons of faith are important as President Biden Strives to redirect the systems of government in ways that lead to truth and justice, but prayer is not enough. Persons of faith must engage in a new civil argument that can lead to a new way of resolving the conflicts that divide us.*

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The Trump administration took office during a period of great change, both nationally and globally, fueled by significant technological advances, such as Artificial Intelligence and Social Networking. Resources were presented as finite, and subject to fierce competition. The future seemed uncertain, leading to fear as a primary motivator for actions. Under such conditions racial, cultural, and socioeconomic differences were magnified. The result has been a world divided into haves and have nots, givers versus takers, winners and losers.

Change is the only constant in life, and our personal as well as collective health and well-being depend on a successful adaptation to a world that is constantly changing. Resistance to change never works. MAGA was an appeal to return to a time of seemingly greater economic and emotional stability. However, we never can go backwards. When change is viewed as a threat, resistance breeds fear and mobilizes our instincts to fight. In the past four years, this fear has kindled tribal instincts and nationalistic fervor, leading to border walls and disengagement from traditional allies and treaties. Nationally, racial conflicts have been increasing because of (a) demographics rapidly changing, with Whites becoming a plurality rather than a majority, and (b) an income gap widening, with more and more wealth possessed by fewer and fewer citizens, a shrinking middle class, and a growing lower economic class. The sense that our government is less effective than in previous years and that it is working for fewer and fewer of its citizens has led to frustration at almost all levels. Globally, other countries have begun to question our commitment not only to them, but to traditional American values.



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Change, however, does not have to be threatening. It can be viewed as an opportunity for growth and development. The concept of life everlasting is less about a personal heaven than about maintaining life on earth through the evolutionary process. The spirit of life is in our DNA. Spiritual and religious leaders long have indicated that the path to sustaining and growing life is paved with humility and love, as displayed through empathy, compassion, and the willingness to prioritize others.

Since we never can go backwards in time, true leaders embrace change, not resist it. They prepare us for the future rather than try to preserve the past. Because the world is constantly changing, we never control the outcome of our efforts, but we always control what we do. It will be important for the President to present specific plans identifying future jobs, along with the educational/training needs required to do those jobs. Similarly, specific steps to get us past the pandemic and back to fiscal stability will instill confidence that we can overcome these hurdles. With such plans, anxiety about the future will be reduced greatly. Hope, then, can replace fear as a motivator. Optimism can replace cynicism.

On the world stage we must model being a good global partner and not the “bully on the block”.

*We have not been good stewards of our ecosystem. If we want our planet to sustain the type of life we've known in the past, we need to be leaders in the effort to combat Global Warming. With regards to economics, we have to embrace a global perspective, promoting cooperation more than competition and building alliances more than adversaries. Live what we claim as American values. Speak the truth, model humility and compassion, and promote the perspective that, what benefits all, benefits us.*

This is a path for restoring moral leadership in the world. Because we don't control the outcomes, there will always be a degree of anxiety about the future. At these times faith is important. By living life-enhancing values and making our best efforts to shape the future, our faith will carry us through.



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## Prayer for President Joe Biden

As Christ-followers we have been commanded to “pray for kings and all who are in authority” (1 Timothy 2). Paul’s passage also includes clear instructions on how to pray for our political leaders. “Ask God to help them. Intercede on their behalf. Give thanks for them.”

But how are we to give thanks for leaders with whom we strongly disagree? Recently someone asked me, how can I possibly pray for President Joe Biden when he votes in favor of abortion. It’s a fair question behind an issue which has polarized the church. I am decidedly pro-life and fully believe life begins at conception.

And then on January 6, 2021 hundreds of Evangelical Christians joined a march on the steps of the capitol, which turned into an insurrectionist styled riot. They carried crosses and posters with scriptures. Others brazenly led prayers on the senate chamber floor all the while destroying property, beating police officers, killing one, intimidating

*But Republican Evangelical Christians have taken abortion and basic human rights for LGBTQ and declared those two issues are all that matter to them. Consequently, whatever former President Trump did or said was just fine. Nothing else mattered. His harsh rhetoric, mean-spirited language, racism, and misogynistic talk did not matter. Trump empowered a spirit of anarchy and created a deep divide America has not witnessed in decades. It did not matter.*

members of congress, and if they had the chance to do so, they likely would have taken their lives, all in the name of Jesus.

*It seems to me the church has bought into the politics of power rather than the power of self-denial and the cross. We have demanded our rights and lost our witness.*

Paul says we must pray for our leaders. He did not say pray only for those we agree with. How interesting that the very man who told us to pray for our political leaders died at the hands of his own.

Beyond leadership and wisdom, what else should we pray for? Paul tells us. “*Pray that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.*” Is the church in America viewed as peaceful, quiet, godly and dignified? If not, we need to repent. We need to recapture our voice, to refocus on the Kingdom of heaven instead of obsessing on the kingdoms of this world, which are passing away.

Paul goes on to say this kind of prayer and lifestyle is attractive to God. Why, because it opens the door of the salvation to those who are lost. He wrote, “*This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.*” 1 Timothy 2:3-4, 8

It seems as if anger and controversy are what mark the church in 2021. Does the church still possess the life-giving qualities found in salt and light? Are we pleasing to God by our responses? Time will tell. The church must listen carefully to the voice of the Holy Spirit. We must rise up in the glory and power of Jesus and bring hope to a very broken and divided world.

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