

County of *Richland*, State of *Ohio*

By the Regional Church of Richland County, Ohio A Proclamation

For a Day of PUBLIC REPENTANCE, PUBLIC PRAYER, and PRIVATE FASTING

Whereas, according to Founding Father George Washington, "It is the duty of nations to acknowledge the providence of ALMIGHTY GOD, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor..."

We humbly acknowledge that we as a county have done things that have offended our CREATOR GOD by putting trust in our money more than the LORD our GOD. (Matthew 5:24) We have neglected our HEAVENLY FATHER'S word and become wise in our own eyes. As the Holy Bible states, "what would it profit for a man to gain the world and yet lose his soul?" (Mark 8:36) We as a community take responsibility for the following...

Our people have coveted their neighbor's possessions (Exodus 20:17), and have stolen from their neighbor, (Exodus 20:15) we have used dishonest scales, (Proverbs 11:1) we have followed the way of the sluggard whose hands have refused to work, (Proverbs 21:25) we have made vows only to forget them, (Ecclesiastes 5:4) We have forsaken the poor, the fatherless, and the widow, (Deuteronomy 24:19) and we have charged the poor with excessive interest. (Leviticus 25:36-37) Furthermore, to our fault, our society has called evil good and good evil, acquitting the guilty for a bribe and denying justice to the innocent. (Isaiah 5:20, 23)

We unitedly implore the forgiveness of our sins through the merits of our Lord JESUS THE CHRIST.

As our BREAD OF LIFE, we thank DIVINE PROVIDENCE for providing our daily bread. (Matthew 6:11)

According to the customs of our venerable forefathers, may we have a true heart of repentance just as the citizens of Nineveh, when the DIVINE JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND DEAD (Acts 10:42) spared their city from imminent judgment. (Jonah 3:8-10) May the divine destiny and gifting which the BISHOP OF OUR SOULS called our community to, be released, exporting hope to cities and nations around the world.

We do thereby declare a proclamation for public repentance, public prayer, and private fasting throughout Richland County for Wednesday, the 24th day of June 2009, calling all the congregations of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST, and the citizens of Richland to ask the MOST HIGH GOD for forgiveness of sins, to seek His aid during this season of economic recession, and His providence for those without employment. We also petition the KING of KINGS to direct the leaders of our local government so that citizens may have a good reason to be happy and lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. (1Timothy 2:2)

May we as GOD'S workmanship, who were created for good works, and the citizens of Richland County collectively, labor diligently, as unto the LORD, and labor not in vain.

And may we remember the poor (Galatians 2:10). by sharing our food with the hungry, and providing clothing for the naked, so that our light may break forth like the dawn and our healing quickly appear. (Isaiah 58:6,8)

We humbly pray for mercy, grace and favor. May our land be delightful and nations call our land blessed. (Malachi 3:12) May Richland County put its hope in the LORD now and forevermore. (Psalm 131:3)

GOD save the COUNTY of RICHLAND, OHIO!