

**State of the Union: Victory State of the Union**  
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Why we are gathered here today:

**1. We are one Victory family.**

**Hebrews 10:25 NLT**

And **let us not neglect our meeting together**, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Why we are gathered here today:

**2. The Church of Jesus Christ feels divided right now.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4 NOV** (*New Opinions Version*)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. *It cancels people who disagree with you.*

**Matthew 12:25 TPT**

“Any kingdom that fights against itself will end up in ruins. And any family or community splintered by strife will fall apart.”

The only way we’re going to get through this election season is **TOGETHER.**

**1 Timothy 2:1-6 MSG**

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live. He wants not only us but everyone saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth we’ve learned: that **there’s one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus**, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free.

We pray for our leaders because how they LEAD will affect how we LIVE, but we also remember that there is only ONE GOD and His name is JESUS!

Why we are gathered here today:

**3. Today is a sacred assembly.**

**Joel 2:12-15 NIV**

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare **A HOLY FAST**, call a **SACRED ASSEMBLY**.

**2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV**

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

**The Lord’s Prayer**

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.”