

Why America Needs a Prayer Meeting

The assassination attempt on former President Trump set the growing political division in the United States into even sharper contrast. It was also another reminder of how susceptible we are to violence. People are getting desperate for a solution.

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They're praying. And we're not just talking about pastors, priests and rabbis.

People from diverse backgrounds and across the political spectrum have said they were praying this weekend. Many have also cried out for unity since that tragic Saturday evening. But we're not sure the events of July 13 caused more division. We fear they exposed the division that is already there. And yet there remain cries for unity—for less political animosity.

The real question is how. How do we get it?

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Some say we need to restrict "misinformation" on social media. Others advocate for economic development to ensure more people have steady jobs and incomes. Still others say we'll find healing when we rid our country of racism.

These are no doubt essential steps. But the truth remains that political violence has been a consistent issue with extremists

on both sides of the spectrum. You only had to look at social media right after the assassination attempt on former President Trump's life to see that sadly remains true.

In this context, it's easy to wonder: Is healing our nation even possible? Sometimes it seems too big a task, as if we're too far gone.

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