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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. **—Matthew 28:19-20**

The church has the responsibility to be a “prophet to the nation” concerning injustice, repression, and the unrighteousness that eventually causes a nation to provoke the judgment of God. Many times prophets to the nation speak from a secular platform, not necessarily as those who represent the church. Joseph and Daniel were two biblical examples of people who represented God in a position of secular power. Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr. prophetically stood for justice and righteousness in our social order. Yet they were not seen as prophetic from the traditional position of being on a church staff. It is my conviction that the church as an institution should be as a prophet standing for the advancement of righteousness without indebtedness to political party affiliations.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Dear Father, may Your people, Your church, stand strong and tall as a prophetic voice to this world pronouncing Your righteousness to all. Keep us from division, and keep our motives and purposes pure.

**The church and those who speak for the church
must understand where to draw the line.**