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I don't know about you but I have found myself becoming very distressed over what I am hearing and seeing in the news recently.

--First off everyone seems to be talking about the presidential election. Don't you wish it was all over? Instead of talking about the issues facing our nation it seems to a lot of people that both campaigns have taken a negative turn digging up scandals from the past.

Some people I have been talking to are starting to feel frightened, afraid of the future. There is a feeling out there that things are bad and that something even worse is going to happen very soon.

--I have been seeing more articles predicting a stock market correction that may shock the financial system.

--Some people are afraid of the ever increasing national debt and wonder if we are just going to mortgage the future for the next generation. The national debt is now 19 trillion dollars and is going to go up somewhere between 540 and \$616 billion dollars in 2016. In other words the U.S. is borrowing close to 2 billion dollars a day to pay its bills.

--There seems to be unrest in the country and every other day policeman are getting gunned down.

--The war in Syria is absolutely catastrophic and the Boko Haram still have over 200 girls captive when they were kidnapped over a year ago.

--Even the churches seem to be falling apart. Generally many parents do not take God seriously enough to pass their faith on to the next generation.

Yes, I could go on but I think I have made my point: people think we are in apocalyptic times and they are scared.

Three thousand four hundred years ago the Jews were standing at the edge of a sea. Pharaoh's armies were speeding toward them with the intention of wiping them off the face of the earth. There was nothing they could do if they relied on their own resources so you know what people did? They turned to the Lord.

And it was only then when they absolutely could not place their hope in anything human that they put all their trust, all their hope, all their strength into God's hands and once they did that God opened the sea. The sea divided in two with walls of water on the right and on the left and dry land in between and the people crossed the sea by walking through it. Our God is the God of the impossible.

Christians should never be discouraged. We know that God has a plan and we are part of that plan. You and I have to remind ourselves every day not only to place our own individual lives in the hands of our loving Father but to put our nation and the world into the hands of God.

Some things do not happen unless they are prayed for.

Let's pray for a world where people all become aware that we are facing a sea and the problems we have manufactured are coming back at us to destroy us.

Let's do what the Jews did when they faced Pharaoh's armies.

Let's turn to our loving Father in heaven.

Would you kindly bow your heads and pray silently with me.

Oh, Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul. I adore You. Enlighten me. Guide me, strength me, console me. Tell me what I should do. Give me Your orders. Help me to totally submit my life, my family, my nation and this world completely into Your care.

On my part I promise to submit myself to all that you desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your will and do it. All Glory, Honor and Praise to you heavenly God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Secret of Sanctity Prayer by Cardinal Mercier-Belgium

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