Prayer of National Repentance

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good", but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritural equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that,

We have *ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word* and called it *Plural-ism*;

We have *worshipped other gods* and called it *multiculturalism*; We have *endorsed perversion* and called it *alternative lifestyle*; We have *exploited the poor* and called it the *lottery*; We have *rewarded laziness* and called it *welfare*; We have *killed our unborn* and called it *choice*;

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We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable;

We have *neglected to discipline our children* and called it *building self-esteem*;

We have *abused power* and called it *politics*;

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition;

We have *polluted the air with profanity and pornography* and called it *freedom of expression*;

We have *ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers* and called it *enlightenment*.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent; to direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

> (Offered by the Rev. Joe Wright at the new session of the Kansas Senate, January, 1996)