



## Sample Introduction to the Declaration of Personal Rededication

In a few moments, we will make a Declaration of Personal Rededication together.

We stand on the promises of Scripture from Romans 10:9-10, *“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.”*

No one can believe for us or confess on our behalf – each person must believe in their own hearts and make their own confession that Jesus is Lord. Therefore, we will enter into this time of Declaring our Personal Rededication. Our nation will observe a day of corporate rededication in coming weeks. Today on the National Day of Prayer we focus on our own hearts, in our own city, where God has established us.

For those who have made a confession of faith, this Declaration of Personal Rededication is a reaffirmation of your faith in Christ Jesus and a commitment to continue walking with Jesus, growing in sanctification and righteousness each day. Those who haven’t made a personal decision to follow Christ may choose to use this time for prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the free gift of salvation.

This is a powerful thing to do in as an assembled people, as a community – look around! These are the people who God has established to share in this community, this ‘common unity’ of our city. We are the ones who will encourage each other in the faith, hold one another accountable to our profession of faith in Jesus, and share the Gospel together.

Let us now make this Declaration of Personal Rededication.

*In this 250th year of America’s independence from an earthly king, we come to You, King of Kings, to give You all glory, honor, and praise. In faith, we declare our dependence and dedication to You, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for You alone are our Creator and Salvation. We come humbly to confess our sins and receive Your forgiveness. Today, in the presence of God and one another, we gather to pray, to celebrate, and to rededicate ourselves to You personally and in covenant as “One Nation Under God,” to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, to love our neighbor as You have loved us, pray fervently, and tell of Your glory and goodness to all peoples as we abide in You and Your Word abides in our hearts now, and forevermore. Amen!*

