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FROM THE NATIONAL PRAYER EMBASSY, HERE IS TODAY'S PRAYER ALERT: OCTOBER 31ST EACH YEAR IN RECENT CENTURIES HAS BEEN OBSERVED BY MANY CHRISTIANS AS "REFORMATION DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THAT DATE IN 1517 WHEN ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST MARTIN LUTHER NAILED 95 THESES OR "PROTESTS" ON THE CHURCH DOOR IN WITTENBURG, GERMANY, GIVING BIRTH TO THE REFORMATION MOVEMENT IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IN EUROPE, WHICH LED TO THE FOUNDING OF THE PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS, WHICH LED TO THE PENTECOSTAL AND CHARISMATIC MOVEMENTS IN THE 1900s WHICH CONTINUE TO THIS DAY WITH EXPLOSIVE CHURCH GROWTH AROUND THE WORLD. OCTOBER 31, 2017 IS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER'S PROTEST AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES ARE BEING HELD BY CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD. SOME EXPERTS COMPARE THE 95 THESES OF 1517 IN GERMANY TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF 1776 IN AMERICA—BOTH DOCUMENTS STARTED INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS JUSTIFIED BY A LIST OF PROTESTS AGAINST THE DOMINANT WORLD RULER OF THEIR TIME, THE FIRST BEING THE POPE IN EUROPE AND THE SECOND BEING THE KING OF ENGLAND. THE PROTESTANTS' MESSAGE STARTING IN 1517 WAS SUMMED UP AS "ONLY FAITH, ONLY GRACE, ONLY SCRIPTURE, ONLY JESUS," BASED ON RO. 1:17 "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." THE AMERICANS' MESSAGE STARTING IN 1776 WAS SUMMED UP AS "WE HAVE NO KING BUT JESUS." LET'S PRAY ABOUT THIS TODAY: "FATHER GOD, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WE THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE IN THE EARTH THROUGH THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION MOVEMENT OVER THE LAST 500 YEARS, AND WE CLAIM YOUR WORD IN ISAIAH 11:9 THAT THE EARTH SHALL BE FULL OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA. HAVE YOUR WAY, HOLY SPIRIT--WE WELCOME YOU, AND COME QUICKLY LORD JESUS, IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN!"

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