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Dear Fellow Investors and Friends:

Here are a few recent headlines and quotes from various publications:

America's debt crisis is in the trillions — more than \$14 trillion

'Obamacare' Closer to Supreme Court Review After Administration Declines to Appeal Latest Ruling

Negativity toward Washington hits record levels

Former CIA Director: Difficult Choices Loom on Iran Nuclear Development

World markets surge over reports that European leaders are crafting a plan to save the economy.

"We...spent time discussing the challenges we face in discipleship, mission alignment, funding, etc." (U.S. C&MA President, Gary Benedict, referring to a recent meeting with his Cabinet)

"Worth noting is that some participants (in the Fed's August 9, 2011 meeting) seemed to show signs of despair."

We are all in the same boat. We can't escape the constant barrage of unsettling news. And we see our leaders at every level, in every branch of government, in every organization, in every part of the world, struggling with issues that seem nearly impossible to solve. Many of those issues affect myriads of people, including us.

I am deeply concerned with what is being done or not done to address the important issues facing our

world. When it comes to the Alliance, I feel strongly engaged with our leaders and the difficult decisions they face, as well as the heavy loads they carry.

Recently, I reread 1 Timothy 2:1 - 3:

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior....

It struck me again that I need to be diligent in praying for our leaders in every aspect of life. It is not only crucial, but is pleasing to God. May I encourage you to do the same?

Thank you for your continued partnership, your commitment to seeing God's Kingdom advanced, and your prayers.

Please contact me or our team members with [questions, comments, or prayer requests](#). They are always most welcome.

Sincerely,



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