

Is Our Heavenly Father Grieved at Our World? And If So What is the Solution?

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In the book of Genesis, we read that at the time of Noah “in the eyes of God the earth was corrupt and full of lawlessness” (Genesis 6:11). It adds that the “Lord saw how great was man’s wickedness on earth and how no desire that his heart conceived was ever anything but evil”. And God’s “heart was grieved.” (Genesis 6: 5-6)

Although these words are centuries old, they seem to ring true today. Today we look at the world and can honestly make this statement about our nation and about secular culture in general.

“Heavenly Father, we are a sinful people in need of conversion. We have sinned against you in many ways. We have promoted a culture of atheism which disregards your laws for human living and which refuses to acknowledge you as our Creator and Father. We have abused your name and have tried to wipe out prayer in all public events of life. We have replaced respect and care for human life with anger and hatred for your teachings and a desire to control and manipulate everyone who disagrees with Godless ways.

“We have promoted homosexual activity which is contrary to the nature of human sexuality and which excludes a person from the Kingdom of Heaven. We have promoted confusion about one’s sexual identity and have even violated the biological sexual integrity of children and adults by harmful surgeries which are carried out as a result of this diabolical confusion. We have denied that human sexual activity belongs only to marriage between a man and a woman and is procreative in its very design. Even in valid marriages we have promoted artificial contraception as an acceptable practice of birth control when it is clearly taught by your Church as a grave sin and an intrinsically evil act. We

have promoted sex trafficking which is a grave offense to human dignity and the human freedom of each person. We have promoted pornography which distorts the sacred gift of sexuality belonging to marriage.

“Through a growing disregard for the dignity and sacredness of each human life, we have promoted and brought about the killing of millions of innocent unborn babies through the groundless claim that a woman has a “right to an abortion” which is an irrational denial that life begins at conception as science truly indicates. We have promoted the killing of the elderly, the weak and the suffering, and the mentality challenged out of this same disregard for the sacredness of human life and a refusal to acknowledge that only you the Creator have the right to determine when a person’s life ends. WE have promoted the taking of deadly mind-altering drugs to seek passing pleasures but which only bring greater misery and unhappiness. We know that no passing pleasures will satisfy the human heart for it was created to find its meaning and purpose only in you. We are hypocrites who claim the name Christian and claim to be in good standing with you but do not live or embrace your truth and actually oppose it in so many ways. We are cowards who are afraid to witness to our faith fearing the opinion of other people while we fail to give regard to what you think.

“We have ignored and disobeyed your laws and commandments and have affirmed that we can determine the meaning and purpose of our lives apart from you, the Creator. We have set up ourselves as gods because there is no absolute truth, so we say.”

If this statement is true of our secular culture, what should be our response? The answer is simple though difficult. Because we have a loving, merciful heavenly Father, we should turn back to Him, acknowledge our sins and seek his mercy and forgiveness. God will always forgive the contrite heart. God wants to heal our world. All we

have to do is repent, give up our godless ways and God will do His part to heal our broken world. If we are currently living a good moral life and practicing our faith through the grace of Jesus and putting all our trust in Jesus, then we need to daily offer prayers and sacrifices to God asking Him to heal our nation. We need to pray the rosary with Our Blessed Mother beseeching her powerful intercession for our broken world. Only God can heal our nation and only He has the remedy for sin. God is a merciful Father. He can and will heal us.