I was planning to post a simple reflection on the "Four Levels of happiness," but I decided to edit to simplify, and will post the first of next week.

Thus, in it's place: Below is a simple prayer penned by Archbishop Carroll for the newly elected president of the United States. And I will add: please also ask for the Wisdom given by the Holy Spirit for all persons included in their administration.

The Prayer:

Written by Archbishop John Carroll, the first bishop of a United States diocese, this excerpt from the prayer asks God to inspire the president with the Holy Spirit.

"We pray, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality."

Amen

Link to the full prayer via a link to Aleteia: <u>https://www.archbalt.org/prayer-for-our-government-by-archbishop-john-carroll/</u>

Vivat Jesus, Father Vic Gournas