## **STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Stop Obama's HHS Mandate • Nationwide Rally • Friday, March 23

## **Rally Opening Prayer**

God of our Fathers,

We praise You for giving us life and for freeing us from the Kingdom of darkness. We thank You for your Word, which is the Truth that sets us free.

We thank You, Lord, for the example left to us by those who have trusted in You and followed You throughout the centuries.

We thank You for our Founding Fathers, who came to this land as if out of the desert to find a place where they could worship You in freedom.

Lord, we come here today because that freedom is under attack. We come here as Your people, determined to both live and defend the freedom of conscience that belongs to every American, and indeed to every human being.

Lord, bless each of us here. During this special time, we rejoice that we are united with our fellow citizens in over a hundred cities, gathering on this same afternoon to bear witness to You and Your truth. May we spend this time prayerfully and peacefully, listening to the words that will be shared with us and listening above all to Your Spirit, who never ceases to console us and to spur us on to fruitful action for Your Kingdom.

Thank You, God of Freedom, for all You do for us and through us.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.