

Joe Biden's President-elect victory speech

My fellow Americans, the people of this nation have spoken.

They have _____ us a clear victory. A convincing victory.

A victory for “We the People.”

We have won with the most votes ever cast for a presidential ticket in the history of this nation — _____ million.

I am humbled by the trust and _____ you have placed in me.

I pledge to be a president who seeks not to _____, but to unify.

Who doesn't see red and blue states, _____ a United States.

And who will work with all my heart to win the confidence of the _____ people.

For that is what America is about: The people.

And that is what our _____ will be about.

I sought this office to _____ the soul of America.

To _____ the backbone of the nation — the middle class.

To make America _____ around the world again, and to unite us here at home.

It is the _____ of my lifetime that so many millions of Americans have voted for this vision.

And now the work of making this vision _____ is the task of our time.

As I said many times before, I'm Jill's _____.

I would not be here without the love and _____ support of Jill, Hunter, Ashley, all of our grandchildren and their spouses, and all our family.

They are my heart.

Jill's a mom — a military mom — and an _____.

She has dedicated her life to _____, but teaching isn't just what she does — it's who she is.

For America's educators, this is a great day: You're going to have one of your own in the White House, and

Jill is going to make a great _____ lady.

And I will be honored to be serving with a _____ vice president — Kamala Harris — who will make history as the first woman, first Black woman, first woman of South Asian descent, and first daughter of _____ ever elected to national office in this country.

It's long overdue, and we're reminded tonight of all those who _____ so hard for so many years to make this happen. But once again, America has bent the arc of the moral universe towards _____.

Kamala, Doug — like it or not — you're family. You've become honorary Bidens and there's no way out.

To all those who _____, worked the polls in the middle of this pandemic, local election officials — you _____ a special thanks from this nation.

To my campaign team, and all the volunteers, to all those who gave so much of themselves to make this moment possible, I _____ you everything.

And to all those who supported us: I am proud of the campaign we built and ran. I am proud of the coalition we put together, the broadest and most _____ in history.

Democrats, Republicans and Independents.

Progressives, moderates and conservatives.

Young and old.

Urban, suburban and rural.

Gay, straight, transgender.

White. Latino. Asian. Native American.

And especially for those moments when this campaign was at its _____ — the African American community stood up again for me. They always have my back, and I'll have _____.

I said from the outset I wanted a campaign that _____ America, and I think we did that. Now that's what I want the administration to look like.

And to those who voted for President Trump, I understand your _____ tonight.

I've lost a couple of elections myself.

But now, let's give each other a _____.

It's time to put away the harsh rhetoric.

To lower the _____.

To see each other again.

To listen to each other again.

To make _____, we must stop treating our opponents as our enemy.

We are not _____. We are Americans.

The Bible tells us that to everything there is a _____ — a time to build, a time to reap, a time to sow. And a time to heal.

This is the time to heal in America.

Now that the campaign is over, what is the people's _____? What is our mandate?

I believe it is this: Americans have called on us to marshal the forces of decency and the forces of _____. To marshal the forces of science and the forces of hope in the great battles of our time.

The battle to _____ the virus.

The battle to _____ prosperity.

The battle to _____ your family's health care.

The battle to _____ racial justice and root out systemic racism in this country.

The battle to _____ the climate.

The battle to _____ decency, defend democracy, and give everybody in this country a fair shot.

Our work begins with getting COVID under control.

We cannot _____ the economy, restore our vitality, or relish life's most precious moments — hugging a grandchild, birthdays, weddings, graduations, all the moments that _____ most to us — until we get this virus under control.

On Monday, I will name a group of _____ scientists and experts as transition advisors to help take the Biden-Harris COVID plan and convert it into an action blueprint that starts on January 20th, 2021. That plan will be built on a bedrock of science. It will be constructed out of compassion, empathy, and _____.

I will spare no _____ — or commitment — to turn this pandemic around.

I ran as a proud Democrat. I will now be an American president. I will work as hard for those who didn't _____ for me as (for) those who did.

Let this grim era of demonization in America begin to end, here and now.

The refusal of Democrats and Republicans to _____ with one another is not due to some mysterious force beyond our control.

It's a _____. It's a choice we make.

And if we can decide not to cooperate, then we can decide to cooperate. And I _____ that this is part of the mandate from the American people. They want us to cooperate.

That's the choice I'll make. And I call on the Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike, to make that choice with me.

The American story is about the slow, yet _____ widening of opportunity.

Make no mistake: Too many dreams have been deferred for too long.

We must make the _____ of the country real for everybody, no matter their race, their ethnicity, their faith, their identity, or their disability.

America has always been shaped by inflection points, by moments in time where we've made hard decisions about who we are and what we want to be.

Lincoln in 1860 — coming to _____ the Union.

FDR in 1932 — promising a beleaguered country a New Deal.

JFK in 1960 — pledging a New Frontier.

And twelve years ago, when Barack Obama made _____, and told us, "Yes, we can."

We stand again at an inflection point.

We have the opportunity to _____ despair and to build a nation of prosperity and purpose.

We can do it. I know we can.

I've long talked about the _____ for the soul of America.

We must restore the soul of America.

Our nation is shaped by the constant battle between our better angels and our _____ impulses.

It is time for our better angels to prevail.

Tonight, the whole world is watching America. I believe at our _____ America is a beacon for the globe.

And we lead not by the example of our power, but by the power of our example.

I've always believed we can define America in one word: _____.

That in America everyone should be given the opportunity to go as far as their dreams and God-given ability will take them.

You see, I believe in the possibility of this country.

We're always looking ahead.

Ahead to an America that's _____ and more just.

Ahead to an America that _____ jobs with dignity and respect.

Ahead to an America that _____ disease(s) like cancer and Alzheimers.

Ahead to an America that never _____ anyone behind.

Ahead to an America that never gives up, never gives in.

This is a great nation.

And we are a good people.

This is the United States of America.

And there has never been anything we haven't been able to do when we've done it _____.

In the last days of the campaign, I've been thinking about a hymn that means a lot to me and to my family, particularly my deceased son Beau. It captures the faith that sustains me and which I believe sustains America.

And I hope it can provide some _____ and solace to the more than 230,000 families who have lost a loved one to this terrible virus this year. My heart goes out to each and every one of you. _____ this hymn gives you solace as well.

'And He will _____ you up on eagle's wings,

_____ you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to _____ like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of His Hand.'

And now, together — on eagle's wings — we embark on the work that God and history have called upon us to do.

With full hearts and steady hands, with _____ in America and in each other, with a love of country and a thirst for _____, let us be the nation that we know we can be.

A nation _____.

A nation _____.

A nation _____.

The United States of America.

God bless you.

And may God _____ our troops.



Vice President-elect Kamala Harris speaks Saturday, Nov. 7, in Wilmington, Del. Andrew Harnik/AP

"We must restore the soul of America," Joe Biden said while addressing the nation as president-elect.