

It was nearly 150 years ago when our country fought itself in the Civil War. That war threatened to tear us apart. Today we face a similar crisis over the ongoing war. While the war is being fought overseas, we stand here and fight amongst ourselves also. With our nation so deeply divided, how will it be possible for us to prevail against any trials in our path?

We have made ourselves our foes, and added to our ranks of enemies. It is in our attackers best interests that we do this. Divided we are more easily conquered. We have already been harmed by enemy attacks. Why should we give them what they want, and injure ourselves further? Not one among us desires to lose; yet the enemy is winning every day through the hatred and the conflict that is inspired among us, among our own people. We turn and fight within our own lines instead of against our aggressor. If we allow ourselves to be divided then we have lost, no matter the secular, tangible results of the war.

Lincoln fought to keep this country together. Our ancestors fought to keep this country together; they laid down their lives. We are again being tested whether or not a country that was created on the basis of liberty and equality can survive. It is now our time to fight to keep our country unified. Do not let their efforts be in vain.

We need not always agree on every issue, but let us not fight amongst each other. Let us instead work together to arrive at a peaceful compromise. Let us stand together, proud and strong, products of our nation's hard work and of our belief in liberty, democracy, and equality. As one, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.

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