Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address Glossary

Oath—a solemn promise or vow  
Address—public speech  
Expiration—end, finish  
Declaration—a public announcement  
Engross—takes up all the attention or energy of  
Arms—weapons, armies  
Ventured—tried, attempted  
Impending—about to occur, threatening  
Avert—avoid or prevent  
Agent—person with a mission or job to do  
Dissolve—to put an end to, break up, do away with  
Negotiation—to talk out a problem and try to solve it without violence  
Deprecated—to disapprove of, want to avoid  
Perish—to cease to exist  
Fervently—with intense feeling, strongly, passionately  
Scourge—evil thing, hardship  
Bondsman—slave  
Unrequited—not paid for  
Toil—work  
Lash—whip  
Righteous—morally right  
Malice—desire to cause pain or injury to another  
Charity—goodwill and generosity toward others  
Strive—work hard to achieve  
Bind—bandage, tie up  
Borne—to put up with, endure  
Cherish—to hold dear or treasure