

Litany Prayers
A Gathering for Prayer on Election Day
November 8, 2016

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

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Nassau Presbyterian Church
61 Nassau Street ~ Princeton, New Jersey
9:30am–7:30pm
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Litany Prayer for Election Day **(Shannon Kelly & U.S. Campus Ministries)**

Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this Election Day. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions. God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith. God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to do work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us. God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone's voice. Intercessor: God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

We pray for this nation that is divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation. God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

A Litany Prayer for Strength: *St. Patrick's Prayer* 433 AD

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation.

**I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent into the judgement of hell.**

I arise today, through the strength of heaven,
The light of the sun, the radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire, the speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth, the firmness of rock.

**I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's Word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me.**

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right,
Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,

**Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Litany Prayer for Election Day (Presbyterian Campus Ministries)

Good and Gracious God, creator of creation and humanity, you are the source of our life and it is in your name we prayer for your church and nation on this Election Day. God, our truth

Hear our prayers.

God of tender mercies, teach us to act in love, mercy and justice and to enjoy the gifts of intellect and creativity. Guide us away from arrogance or fear. God, our truth

Hear our prayers.

Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace. God, our truth

Hear our prayers.

We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with our Lord. God, our truth

Hear our prayers.

Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world. God, our truth

Hear our prayers.

Litany from Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in states, cities, and towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

Litany from 1946 Presbyterian Book of Common Prayer

O God the Father, who governs the nations upon the earth;

Be merciful unto us.

Remember not, O Lord, the offenses of Thy people, our manifold transgressions and our national sins; deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us according to our sinfulness:

Spare us, Creator of mercies.

From blindness of heart, from love of ease, from contentment with the second best, from failure to do the good that was in the heart of our fathers and for which they prepared the way:

Save Thy people, Lord.

From arrogant sins, from pride of possession, from vainglorious boastings, from national hypocrisies:

Save Thy people, Lord.

From the covetousness which is idolatry, from hard bargaining and ruthless competition, and from all the service of greed and the worship of wealth:

Save Thy people, Lord.

From class warfare and class hatred, from racial antagonisms. From failure to take account of the needs of others

Save Thy people Lord.

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From failure to take account of the needs of other nations, from living unto ourselves alone, and from putting our trust in our own strength when our trust should be in Thee:

Save Thy people, Lord.

That we may hallow Thy name, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness and that, as Thou givest us to know Thy will, so we may do it:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may be mindful of the poor and the oppressed among us; that we may bring up the children of the nation in Thy faith and fear; that we may welcome those who in good faith have come from other lands to seek our fellowship, and receive them in Thy name:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we make choice of just legislators and faithful counselors, who with a godly spirit may enact always things just, and things wise, and things merciful:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may co-operate earnestly and effectively with other nations, and with them labor for the defense and maintenance of public right, for the abolition of war and the establishment of international law, and for whatever else may pertain to the general good:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.