

Prayer for Elections

We pray for our nation in the coming days,
That we move beyond our fears and concerns
To discern what will serve the common good
For all members of our society.

We pray that we may respond to the call of solidarity
Rather than the call to separate interests.

May we be more concerned with successful community than with individual success.

We pray that we consider ways
through difficult economic problems that are compassionate and just
For all who struggle for their daily bread.

We pray that we dwell deeply on the call to serve those in poverty
And recognize that all humans have the right to a life with dignity
And with the basic services to promote human flourishing.

We pray that we take seriously the call to be peacemakers,
Despite the complexities in local, national, and global conflicts.

We pray that we honor our responsibilities as citizens
Without resorting to the polarization that limits our listening.

Guide us in the coming weeks in our process of discernment
So we serve you through our choices and
Our concern for the common good. Amen.

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