

A Fortnight of Prayer for the 2026 Midterm Election

Introduction

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Christians have basically always had a troubled relationship with politics. On the one hand, we profess allegiance to Jesus, whom we call the “King of kings and Lord of lords” (I Tim. 6:15, Rev. 17:14, Rev. 19:16.) On the other hand, almost every form of government throughout history has relied on the Christian church to bless it and, in some cases, to give it legitimacy. On the one hand, Jesus said to “give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s” (Mt 22:21, Mk 12:17). On the other hand, Jesus says “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Mt 28:18). On the one hand, St. Paul says “Let every person be subject to the governing authority” (Romans 13:1a). On the other hand, St. Peter and the other apostles said, “We must obey God rather than any human authority” (Acts 5:29). One could very easily find many other biblical texts to support various positions relative to politics and civil authority.

In the 13th century CE, St Thomas Aquinas—who drew from Aristotle in the fourth century BCE—developed an understanding of authority wherein a ruler’s right to rule is ultimately derivative from God. In St Thomas’s thinking, God has the perfect plan for the order of the world, which Thomas called the “Eternal Law.” Because humans are rational creatures (at least in theory!), we are able to share in that divine plan and recognize what is right and wrong. This built-in moral knowledge is what Aquinas calls “Natural Law.” Natural Law is the same for everyone, everywhere, but each community and people works out the details through their own customs and traditions. This results in “Human Law,” the actual laws a society writes down and commits to follow.

Aquinas saw these three laws forming a ladder: God’s law at the top, then the natural law which is written into our hearts, then the specific laws which humans

develop. This theory of Aquinas gave way to what was eventually called the “Divine Right of Kings.” A king’s authority was legitimate insofar as it was established in line with this ladder.

As Episcopalians, our ecclesiastical origins are primarily in the English tradition of Christianity, which has a well-developed understanding of the so-called divine right of kings. We are probably most familiar with Henry VIII (1491-1547) who, in the course of his reign, developed Aquinas’s authority further by claiming for the crown temporal authority over the church in England. This continued to develop, through the Act of Supremacy (1534), into the idea of the crown being the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. King Henry therefore cemented into law the *de facto* authority which the crown had long exercised over church affairs, such as the appointment of bishops, the levying of ecclesiastical taxes, and so forth. While the crown’s authority over the church eventually became little more than a formality, the Church of England was firmly entrenched as the Established Church in Great Britain and its many colonies.

What eventually became the United States was, of course, one such British colony. Most colonial Americans were members of the Church of England and would have been formed with an understanding that Church and State could not easily be separated. At the same time, many of the leading colonists were educated people who had access to the new currents of the continental Enlightenment, which argued that governments actually derive their authority from the consent of those governed and not from divine appointment.

When the American colonies broke with the crown in 1776, the American church found itself in a very difficult position. Anglican clergy had sworn oaths to the king and his lawful successors prior to their ordination (a practice which is still required by law of priests in the Church of England) and the Prayer Book instructed churches to pray for “the King’s Majesty.” Many Anglican clergy remained loyal to the crown during the Revolutionary War and had a difficult decision to make when the War was over and the

King of England was no longer their “most gracious Sovereign Lord,” as the Prayer Book then referred to him. At the same time, many of the leaders of the Revolutionary War—General George Washington among them—were fairly regular members of Church of England parishes.

When the war ended, the Church of England in America had to reinvent itself. In 1784, Samuel Seabury—who had been a chaplain in the Royal Army during the Revolutionary War and received his pension from Great Britain until he died—was consecrated the first bishop in the American succession. In 1789 the Episcopal Church was officially organized as a body in relationship with, but not directly answerable to, the Church of England. That same year the first American *Book of Common Prayer* replaced prayers for the king with prayers for the President of the United States “and all in Civil Authority.” Two years later, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified and a prohibition on the establishment of any particular religion as a state church was written into the law of the land. While the Church never stopped praying for the State and the State has always given appropriate space to the Church, the State could no longer tell the Church what to pray and neither could the Church tell the State whom to crown.

This is where we find ourselves today. As Episcopalians, we pray for our nation, our state, and our city. We pray for each branch of the federal government and for all who hold office at any level. Form One of the Prayers of the People (BCP p 383ff) includes a petition to pray for the president and all in authority and includes a place for us to name the president by name. We have prayed for Joe Biden and for Donald Trump. We will pray for whoever is elected governor, senator, representative, mayor, city councilor, judge, school board member, county commissioner, and so forth in this and every election. We do not do this because we agree with each or any of these people all the time. Praying for those in power is not an endorsement of them as people or for the policies they stand behind. Rather it is an act of submission to God who is the ultimate source of power.

Our prayer for the nation reaches beyond individuals to the things we hope for together as a church: justice, dignity, mercy, peace, the care of the poor and the stranger, and the integrity of our common life. The Episcopal Church has spoken to many of these matters through resolutions of General Convention—the highest authority in our church—and the Episcopal Public Policy Network works diligently to bring those positions to bear on public life. These statements represent the mind of the church on any given issue. They do not mean that every Episcopalian necessarily agrees with them. Faithful people can disagree about many things. Our primary temporal allegiance is—or ought to be—to the church and not to any particular political party.

Alongside the church's corporate prayer is the prayer each of us carries alone. Those prayers belong solely to us and may not align with those of our neighbor in the pews or of the parish or the broader denomination at all. They may be prayers of confusion, grief, exhaustion, frustration, anger, gratitude, joy, or pleading. The good news is that none of these prayers has to be tidy. We can bring our prayers to God exactly as they are, raw and unfiltered.

We have ample precedent. The Psalms, the prayer book of God's people and the backbone of our own worship, are full of language that might scandalize us if we heard it prayed against a modern politician. The psalmist asks God to shorten an enemy's days and make his children orphans (Psalm 109), to break the teeth of the wicked (Psalm 58), and to repay those who have done violence (Psalm 137). These are not polite prayers, but they are honest ones. God can handle our fury, our fear, and our grief. These prayers teach us that lament is a legitimate form of faithfulness. Honest prayer is always better than prayer which pretends. I want to be clear, of course, that the psalms bring us again and again to a place where anger and sorrow is handed over to God rather than acted out on our neighbors. We, as a people, are already divided enough. We do not need to be further divided by acts of anger. Offer it to God!

In the pages which follow, you will find prayers drawn from *The Book of Common Prayer* and from the Episcopal Public Policy Network. Use them as they are or let them

lead you into your own words. Pray them in the days before the election, on Election Day, and in the days afterward, whatever the outcome. Pray for those you voted for (or will vote for) and for those you didn't and won't Pray for this country which we, at some level, we all love. And, if you are able, please vote!

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October 2026

General Intercessions for the Election Season

Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. 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. God, our creator, *Guide us in truth and love.*

We pray for this nation that is deeply 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.*

Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear. God, our creator, *Guide us in truth and love.*

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 creator, *Guide us in truth and love.*

We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God. God, our creator, *Guide us in truth and love.*

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 creator, *Guide us in truth and love.*

Tuesday October 20th

For Guidance

BCP 832

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For liberty and justice for all

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

Almighty God, you created all people in your image and call us to live in freedom, justice, and peace. Have mercy on us when we forget that our liberty is bound to the well-being of others. Unmask the systems and habits that favor privilege over dignity, and awaken in us compassion for the poor, the foreigner, and the outcast. By your Holy

Spirit, guide our courts and leaders, our communities and ourselves, that your love and justice may flow down like waters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to proclaim good news to the poor and release to the captives, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Wednesday October 21st

In Times of Conflict

BCP 824

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Church focused on Christ

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

Creator God, our only king, you have called your church to be the body of Christ in the world, not a servant of power, but a witness to truth. The scourge of Christian nationalism confuses loyalty to nation with loyalty to Christ. Guard our hearts from idolatry, and remind us that our freedom is found not in earthly dominion, but in the self-giving love of Jesus, crucified and risen. Help us engage in the public square with compassion and courage, practicing the call to speak truth and conquer injustice, yet remember to never compromise our witness to the one in whom all authority rests. We ask this through your Son, our true Lord and Savior. Amen.

Thursday October 22nd

For those who Influence Public Opinion

BCP 827

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For U.S. servicemembers and their loved ones *The Episcopal Public Policy Network*

God of mercy and steadfast love, we lift before you those serving in the armed forces who are far from home in places of conflict. Be near those who are wounded in body or spirit, comfort those who grieve the loss of comrades, and grant rest to the souls of those who have died. Hold their families close—the spouses, parents, children, and friends who grieve, wait, and worry. Give them strength, patience, and the assurance that they are not alone. Grant wisdom to the nations of the world so that conflict may end, justice may prevail, and peace may grow where violence has taken root. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Friday October 23

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

BCP 832

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the healing of public trust

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

God of truth, where falsehood spreads, you raise up integrity; where deceit prevails, you call forth honesty. We lament the erosion of trust in public reports and the concealment of what should be known. Shine your light where injustice hides, and strengthen all who are harmed by secrecy and distortion. Guard this land from the seeds of distrust, and guide both leaders and people to live with honesty, that fairness and flourishing may abound. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday October 24th

For Sound Government

BCP 821

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.

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.

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.

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

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. Amen.

For the safeguarding of checks and balances

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

God our Governor, whose rule is righteous and whose wisdom endures, grant discernment to all leaders of this land that they may be instruments of peace, integrity, and justice. We give thanks for the checks and balances woven into our democracy, acknowledging human fallibility and designed to promote accountability and encourage cooperation. Protect this vital system, O God, from erosion and abuse, that our common life may reflect fairness and accountability. Defend especially those most

vulnerable when power goes unchecked, and shelter your children beneath your steadfast care. We ask this through Christ, who reigns not by domination but by love, and in whose resurrection we find true freedom. Amen.

Sunday October 25th

For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

BCP 820

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For lives affected by political decisions

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

Almighty God, who hears the cry of the poor, we see how public words become weapons, how plans to cut and cancel ripple into real lives. We remember those who never make the headlines—families dependent on public health, preventive care, and chronic-disease programs that face the threat of cuts; people struggling as health care coverage hangs in the debate; those struggling to feed their family and whose documented needs are among data that is being erased from public view. Forgive us when we lose sight of faces behind political debate. Grant us compassion and courage to speak for those without a voice. Shape leaders' hearts, that they do not wield power cheaply. Hold fast your people in uncertainty; and in your mercy, redeem what is being lost. We ask this through Jesus, who fed the hungry and gave rest to the weary, the living sign of your compassion. Amen.

Monday October 26th

For the Congress

BCP 821

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress Assembled that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For leaders entrusted with the common good

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

God of righteousness, who judges the nations with mercy and calls rulers to serve people with humility, we pray for all who hold public office in this country. In moments when urgent needs are delayed, and the well-being of families is made vulnerable to political leverage, turn the hearts of leaders away from pride, retaliation, and the hunger for power. Give them wisdom to govern for the common good, courage to protect the poor, and restraint when their decisions affect those who wait for shelter, stability, and relief. Guard the vulnerable from becoming bargaining chips in struggles for influence, and teach us all to value people more than victory. Renew in our common life a spirit of truth, accountability, and compassion, so that public service may again be known as service. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who came among us not to be served but to serve. Amen.

Tuesday October 27th, 2026

For Courts of Justice

BCP 821

Almighty God, who sittest in the throne judging right: We humbly beseech thee to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of thee alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For equal treatment under the law*The Episcopal Public Policy Network*

O God of justice, we grieve the ongoing harm of racism and the violence it breeds in our communities. Prejudice, abuse of power, and unequal treatment under the law weigh heavily upon your children, keeping many bound by fear and distress. Free your people, O God, and turn the hearts of all who are complicit in injustice. We ask for the guidance of your Spirit, so that your work through the hands and voices of advocates may break down systems that oppress and build up practices that honor the dignity of every life. You are a God who frees both the captives and the captors. Let your righteousness flow like a mighty river, restoring what is broken. Through Jesus Christ, our deliverer and judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Wednesday October 28th**For Local Government***BCP 821*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold office in this State the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Earth's future*The Episcopal Public Policy Network*

God of the land, who entrusted us with the care of the Earth and the naming of its creatures, we confess that we have often failed to live up to this holy calling. In times when protections for your creation are weakened and uncertain, we bring before you our fear for the future of the Earth. Grant us resolve amidst these fears that we might work faithfully for wise and just stewardship of our common home. Give business leaders, governments, and people everywhere the wisdom to act with integrity around these environmental issues. We ask this for the sake of your Son, who became flesh and sanctified all creation. Amen.

Thursday October 29th

For our Country

BCP 820

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Good Governance

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

Rock of our salvation, we raise to you our concerns that the foundations of our democratic republic are being attacked and disregarded. We pray for the safety of judges, and we pray for all in government to respect the rule of law, a foundation of our democracy. Help us remember that fundamental principles like government checks and balances bolster the human rights of all. May all those in power remember their duty to uphold the principles that contribute to the pursuit of justice, equity, and protection from harm. Amen.

Friday October 30th

For Cities

BCP 825

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For civil hearts and listening ears

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

God of compassion, your Son Jesus spoke peace to the anxious and gave rest to the weary. In our own nation, public life is often spoiled by anger, division, and reckless words. Raise up leaders who shape their conduct after Jesus, and transform our discourse so that the public square may be marked by civility, fairness, and love. Teach us to use our words for the sake of the suffering, and renew in us the Spirit promised by Jesus—the Spirit who tames our tongues and prepares our minds for the good work you call us to do. Through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Saturday October 31st

For Towns and Rural Areas

BCP 825

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all who live and work in rural areas and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

For speech guided by the Spirit*The Episcopal Public Policy Network*

God of wisdom and truth, you give us the gift of speech to bless and to build. Freedom of speech, along with freedom of association and self-determination, are also foundational for religious independence and tolerance for all. We grieve when political pressure seeks to silence voices. Guard us from fear that stifles honest expression, and from speech that wounds needlessly. Teach us to speak and act with compassion, not in retribution; to listen with patience; and to discern wisely when words are meant to harm. Strengthen leaders to uphold freedom of speech with justice and mercy and guide your church to speak truth in love. Through Jesus Christ, your Living Word, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday November 1st**For the Nation***BCP 258*

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For seeing one another as human first*The Episcopal Public Policy Network*

Loving God, creator of all, who made every person in your image, we confess the misuse of our minds and tongues when we speak ill of other people. We confess that we have demeaned others and, even in frustration, have wished harm or forgotten their humanity. Teach us, through Jesus Christ, to love even our enemies and to see your image in every person. We lament a culture of contempt in our common life and discourse. Grant our leaders wisdom and restraint in speech, that they may lead by example. By your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts, and fashion us into a people marked by charity, truth, and mercy. Make your church a witness to reverence for every human life

in word and action. Grant this, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Monday November 2nd

The Day before Election Day

For the Human Family

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an end to violence in our political life

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

God of peace, whose Son said, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword," we grieve the onslaught of political violence in this nation and around the world. Where gunshots ring out, make us bold in our proclamation of love. Where fearful, angry, or hurting people take up weapons, give us grace to act boldly together in nonviolence and with love. Do not let violence keep us from gathering in community, from speaking out for justice, and from living lives of radical hope. Fill our lives with this hope that we might be your hands and feet on the ground, caring for the vulnerable and spreading the good news of a kingdom where swords are beaten into plowshares and the wolf will live with the lamb. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday November 3rd

Election Day

For Guidance

BCP 822

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Election

BCP 822

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 822

For those who serve our elections

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

God of service, whose Son Jesus Christ came among us not to be served but to serve, we give you thanks for those who take on the ordinary and often unseen work that makes it possible to vote: poll workers and volunteers, clerks and election officials, and all who support participation in government. As election officials prepare for elections across the country and continue the difficult work of recruiting and preparing the thousands of people needed to staff polling places, inspire people to offer their time in service of others. Protect those who have faced threats, harassment, or intimidation for carrying out their duties. Grant that all who are entrusted with election administration would act with integrity, that they may fulfill their responsibilities faithfully, impartially, and according to the law. Give them patience amid disagreement, courage in the face of hostility, and respect for every person they serve. Teach us to recognize faithful public service as a contribution to the common good. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who looked beyond the divisions of his time and welcomed those whom others regarded with suspicion. Amen.

Wednesday November 4th

The Day after Election Day

Thanksgiving for Peaceful Elections

The Episcopal Public Policy Network

O God, our governor, who desires that all your children live in safety, we give you thanks for the recent elections held in peace throughout this nation. Grant that future elections may continue in safety, and that our civic life may be marked by fairness and justice. We pray for those elected this week to public office: Give them wisdom and strength to serve with integrity and compassion. Fill all who govern, and all people of this land, with a love of truth and righteousness for the sake of the common good. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the source of all truth and righteousness. Amen.

For Peace

BCP 815

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

For Peace

BCP 395

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

For Peace

BCP 258

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.