

The background of the entire page is a stylized American flag. The top half features a field of white, five-pointed stars on a dark blue background. The bottom half features vertical stripes in red and white. The overall image has a slightly textured, vintage appearance.

**PRAYERS  
FOR  
UNITY**

**ELECTION DAY 2024**

# Election Day Vigil Prayers in the Morning

## INVITATORY

*Psalm 62:1-2*

**For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
from him comes my salvation.**

**He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.**

## READING

*Isaiah 2:1-2*

In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of the mountains. It will be lifted above the hills; peoples will stream to it. Many nations will go and say, "Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain, to the house of Jacob's God so that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in God's paths."

## LITANY

Officiant: Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and  
hypocrisy;

from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

People: **Savior deliver us.**

Officiant: Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

*Prayers for ourselves and others*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### COLLECT

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### HYMN Ubi caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity. God will dwell with you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KtCBx3sTrs>

## **Election Day Vigil Prayers at Noon**

#### INVITATORY

*Psalm 62:6-7*

**For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.**

**He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

## READING

*2 Corinthians 5:17-19*

So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation.

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Officiant: Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.**

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#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### COLLECT

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and of this community 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.

HYMN 711 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

<https://youtu.be/-PCaQaJsemk?si=JloOZ111vB50qgxT>

## Election Day Vigil Prayers in the Afternoon

INVITATORY

*Psalm 62:8-9*

**In God is my safety and my honor; \***

**God is my strong rock and my refuge.**

**Put your trust in him always, O people, \***

**pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

READING

*2 Corinthians 5:20-21*

So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!" God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.

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Officiant: Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant: Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER



**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### COLLECT

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your 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 here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your 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 your 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 you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 680 O God, our help in ages past

<https://youtu.be/N-hN740J6qA>

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

### **A Prayer attributed to St. Francis**

*BCP 833*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

### **Unity—cooperation not cynicism**

*The Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers, M. J. Kramer p157*

Lord, we pray for your world. In an age of anger and negativity, we pray for a change in our public discourse, for a love of truth, for a commitment to working together and for a recognition of the dignity and integrity of others.

Lord of all, you call us to bear one another's burdens and to show kindness in the face of another's weakness. Teach us to turn away from our culture of cynicism and scorn, to reject the way of insult and point-scoring and to seek instead the path of humility, that through listening, cooperation, and wise discussion we may work together to build a future more just, hopeful, and more full of peace than any of us could imagine alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **An election**

*The Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers, M. J. Kramer p170*

We pray today for our nation, and especially for today's election, for all who are standing for elected office, for all who will vote, for a full and constructive engagement in the democratic process and for a spirit of social harmony and seeking the common good, whatever the result.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the blessings of the freedom we enjoy. Help each one of us to play our part in our political life with thoughtfulness, sound judgment, and respect for the perspectives of others. Grant to us all, at this time, your Spirit of wisdom, that we may cast our votes in hope and confidence and work in this world for the coming of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Open-mindedness—mutual respect**

*The Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers, M. J. Kramer p300*

Lord of all creation, we pray for your world, for greater mutual understanding, and for a renewed commitment to seeking the common good.

Heavenly Father, you fashioned humanity to be one family, to dwell in the delight of one another's company, and to learn from one another's wisdom, but so often we choose the path of competition and domination. Heal our hearts, by your gentle Spirit, that we may come to see all people as truly our sisters and brothers, and to give our leaders and to us all that heavenly discernment, that we may work out ways of serving the good of each person in everything we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord.