

### **A prayer for the nation**

God of hope,  
in these times of change,  
unite our nation  
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
and help us to build a future  
in which all may prosper and share;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Church of England*

### **A prayer for those who govern**

Eternal God,  
fount and source of all authority and wisdom,  
hear our prayer for those who govern;  
give to Elizabeth our Queen grace  
as the symbol of loyalty and unity  
for all our different peoples;  
give to the parliaments in these islands,  
and especially to our Government,  
wisdom and skill, imagination and energy;  
give to the members of the European institutions  
vision, understanding and integrity,  
that all may live in peace and happiness, truth and prosperity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **A prayer for the leaders of the nations**

O God our heavenly Father,  
whose love sets no boundaries and whose strength is in service;  
grant to the leaders of the nations  
wisdom, courage and insight at this time of change and uncertainty.  
Give to all who exercise authority  
determination to defend the principles of freedom,  
love and tolerance,  
strength to protect and safeguard the innocent  
and clarity of vision to guide the world into the paths  
of justice and peace.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **A prayer for the peace of the world**

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of our world as your love would make it:  
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
a world where the benefits of abundant life are shared,  
and everyone can enjoy them;  
a world where different races and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect;  
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
And give us the inspiration and courage to build it,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **A prayer for Parliament**

Lord, the God of righteousness and truth,  
grant to our Queen and her government,  
to members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility,  
the guidance of your Spirit.  
May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power,  
desire to please, or unworthy ideals,  
but always love righteousness and truth;  
so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Book of Prayers for Students (alt, D Silk)*

### **A prayer for Europe**

O God, the Father of all,  
inspire the peoples of Europe  
with the spirit of justice, truth, and love,  
that in our dealings with one another  
we may show forth our common humanity  
and our unity in you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Church of the Province of Southern Africa (alt, S Jones)*

### **A prayer for the gift of love in troubled times**

O God, who has revealed yourself as love,  
and taught us by your word that whoever lives in love lives in you;  
in times of trouble and uncertainty renew our hope in this promise;  
help us to receive afresh your gift of love,  
that with generosity we may share it in the service of others  
to promote the common good;  
through him who is the perfect expression of love,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*S Jones*

### **A prayer for the vulnerable**

God of mercy,  
whose Son Jesus Christ lived among the poor and oppressed;  
hear our prayer for those who are fearful, vulnerable and isolated;  
be their strong defence in times of need,  
and grant us the compassion and courage to minister Christ to them,  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*S Jones*

### **General Prayers**

Lord God,  
you hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.  
Let the design of your great love  
shine on the waste of our anger and sorrow,  
and give peace to your Church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in our homes,  
and peace in our hearts,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God and Father of us all,  
hear the prayer we offer for our nation in this time of transition and uncertainty  
Forgive our selfishness in ignoring the needs of our brothers and sisters.  
Save us from the arrogance that disregards the opinions of others.  
Strengthen us to work for your kingdom of justice.  
And unite us as a people in the love of freedom and in the cause of righteousness;  
for Christ our Saviour's sake.

*Frank Colquhoun (alt, D McFarland)*

Almighty God, whose counsels are perfect in wisdom and love:  
we remember before you those who serve in Parliament;  
and that they may order the life of our nation in the right way,  
help them  
to love mercy,  
to do justly  
and to walk humbly before you;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Llewellyn Cumings*

Father, we pray for our nation,  
its politicians and its people:  
for the imagination and the will to seek the reconciliation  
that will bring us stability and peace.  
Send your Holy Spirit to break down division,  
that in Christ we may recognise our common humanity,  
and in that freedom work to honour all people  
by bringing an end to suspicion and misunderstanding;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*D McFarland*

Lord, you have warned us that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand:  
hear us as we pray for the healing of divisions in the life of our nation.  
Help us to recognise that the things we have in common are of greater worth than  
those on which we differ.  
Deepen our understanding of one another's needs  
and our respect for one another's opinions;  
and unite us in the common cause of justice, truth and freedom,  
for the honour and glory of your name.

*Frank Colquhoun*

### **A form of intercession for the nation**

God of life and hope,  
we pray for our nation and for the guidance of your Holy Spirit,  
that you will give wisdom and courage to our leaders  
that together we may work for the common good.

Lord, come to bless us,  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace that your Holy Spirit brings:  
in these days of change protect us from anxiety  
and keep us confident of your love.

Lord, come to bless us,  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit:  
where there is division or discord in communities,  
we ask you to bring reconciliation and peace.

Lord, come to bless us,  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit:  
as we move into a new chapter in the life of our nation  
we ask you to equip us for all that lies ahead.

Lord, come to bless us,  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

*New Patterns for Worship F63 (alt, Church of England)*

## **Eucharistic Propers**

### **Acclamation**

This is the message we have heard from the beginning:  
that we should love one another.  
Christ is our peace, who has made us one:  
he has broken down the barriers which divided us.

### **Jesus' Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Kyrie Confession**

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us  
to one another and to the Father.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*CW: Times & Seasons – Unity B1*

## Collects

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*CW: 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent*

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation  
and reveal you to the world.  
Forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
give us the courage to overcome our fears  
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*CW: Times & Seasons – Unity F1*

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

*CW: Alt Collect for Easter 2*

## **Introduction to the Peace**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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## **Post Communion**

Go before us, Lord, in all we do  
with your most gracious favour,  
and guide us with your continual help,  
that in all our works  
begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*CW: 4 before Lent*

## **Blessings**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
so that together you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing ...

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing ...

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