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The Great Litany has been adapted with prayers taken from The Book of Common Prayer, pages 302-9, 258, 823, 827, 824, 832, 231, 822, and 261. The Collects were recommended by Forward Movement for a Novena leading up to the 2020 election. We have included aspects of the Baptismal Covenant to ground our responses to election results in who we are because of our baptism into Christ. ~~Our experience with our "The Great Litany with Prayers for the Election," which led to our parish's ongoing use~~ of litanies as part of our common prayers, felt like an invitation to expand our prayers about sound government beyond the time before an election.

In order to accommodate the limitations of technology, this Litany is arranged for 12 voices. Please note that the voices are heard in more than one portion of the Litany and that this litany varies from our usual pattern of even-numbered voices praying the responses of the people. In particular, note that in Section IV, voices 1-6 all pray; in Sections V and VI, three voices pray (voices 7, 8, and 9 in Section V and voices 10, 11, and 12 in Section VI); and in Section VII, voices 1-10 all pray.

All participants who are not assigned a number in a given portion of the liturgy are invited to mute their microphones and silently pray with the even-numbered voices.

If less than 12 people are present, more than one voice may be assigned to some or all participants.

After all voices are assigned, the service will begin with the ringing of a bell and a short time for briefly-stated prayer intentions, offered either silently or aloud. The service will end with the ringing of a bell.

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I. voices 1 and 2: calling upon God for mercy at this time

Adapted from The Great Litany, Part I, BCP

1 Holy God,
2 *Have mercy on us.*

1 Holy and Mighty,
2 *Have mercy on us.*

1 Holy Immortal One,
2 *Have mercy on us.*

1 O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God,
2 *Have mercy on us.*

II. voices 3 and 4 – prayers for protection

Adapted from the Baptismal Covenant and the Great Litany

3 From all spiritual powers of wickedness that rebel against you, O God,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 From the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy your creatures,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 From all sinful desires that draw us away from your love,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy,
hatred, and malice; and from all lack of love
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 From all false teachings; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and
commandment,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 From natural disasters, acts of violence, and dying unprepared,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death,
and in the day of judgment,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 By the mystery of your holy incarnation: by your birth, baptism, fasting,
temptation, life in community,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 by your teaching and healing ministry for the restoration of relationships,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 By your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 By your glorious resurrection and ascension,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*

III. *voices 5 and 6 – prayers for the welfare of all people*

Adapted from Prayers of the People, Form V

5 For all who believe in you, O Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all
may be one as you and the Father are one.
6 *We pray to you, O Christ*

5 For those who do not yet believe and for those who have lost their faith, that
they may receive the light of the Gospel by your Holy Spirit,
6 *We pray to you, O Christ*

5 For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may
grow among nations and peoples
6 *We pray to you, O Christ*

5 For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees,
prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,
6 *We pray to you, O Christ*

5 For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have
injured or offended
6 *We pray to you, O Christ*

5 For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose
faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that
place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal
6 *We pray to you, O Christ*

IV. *voices 1-6: prayers for the health and ministry of the Church*

Adapted from Holy Baptism (BCP 305-6)

1 Lord Jesus Christ, grant that all members of your holy Church may live fully
into our Baptism. *(pause)* Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
2 *Lord, hear our prayer*

3 Open our hearts to your grace and truth.
4 *Lord, hear our prayer*

5 Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
6 *Lord, hear our prayer*

1 Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
2 *Lord, hear our prayer*

3 Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
4 *Lord, hear our prayer*

5 Send us into the world to witness to your love and bring us to the fullness
of your peace and glory.
6 *Lord, hear our prayer*

V. *voices 7, 8, and 9: prayers for public servants and all citizens*

Adapted from Prayers for National Life: 22. For Sound Government, BCP 821-2. and 27. For Social Justice

7 *For all the leaders of our land, let us pray:*

8 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.

9 *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

7 *For those with administrative authority, let us pray:*

8 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.

9 *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

7 *For lawmakers, let us pray:*

8 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.

9 *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

7 *For those in our judicial system, let us pray:*

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

9 *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

VI. *voices 10, 11, and 12: prayers for our nation after of an election*

Adapted from various Collects

10 *Let us pray for our nation:*

11 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;

12 *O God, for your glory, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for every human heart:*
11 Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every
human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that
barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds
cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace;
12 *for the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord, O God, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for those who influence public opinion:*
11 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;
12 *O undivided and holy Trinity, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for how we navigate these times of conflict:*
11 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;
12 *O undivided and holy Trinity, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for direction from God:*
11 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;
12 *for the honor of your Holy Name, O God, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for discernment:*
11 O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,
and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to
do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them;
12 *For the sake of your glory and honor, hear our prayer*

- 10 *Let us pray for our own work for the common good:*
11 Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth
your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various
occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you
give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good
12 *O holy and undivided Trinity, one God, hear our prayer*

VII. *voices 1-12: trusting God for grace, faith, and love*

The Great Litany, BCP 152-4; the Lord's Prayer; and the Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

- 1 May it please you, O God, to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy
Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.
- 2 *Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.*
- 3 Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
- 4 Give us today our daily bread.
- 5 Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
- 6 Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
- 7 O Lord, let your mercy be showed upon us
- 8 *As we do put our trust in you.*
- 9 *Lord, make us instruments of your peace.*
- 10 *Where there is hatred, let us sow love;*

11 *where there is injury, pardon;*
12 *where there is discord, union;*
1 *where there is doubt, faith;*
2 *where there is despair, hope;*
3 *where there is darkness, light;*
4 *where there is sadness, joy.*
5 *Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;*
6 *to be understood as to understand;*
7 *to be loved as to love.*
8 *For it is in giving that we receive;*
9 *it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;*
10 *and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen*
11 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.