

Prayer After the Election 2016

Lord, as we end this election cycle
And look ahead to a new administration,
We pray for healing and wholeness for our nation.
Our bonds of community must be repaired and restored.
Our willingness to listen to one another must be strengthened.
Our respect for every member of our society must be revived.

(sung) Come now, O God of second chances; open our lives to heal.
Remove our hate, and melt our rage, Save us from ourselves.

We pray for healing and wholeness in our nation.
Guide us to move beyond divisive language,
Guide us to move beyond angry rhetoric,
Guide us to move beyond harsh judgments.

Let us reject all forms of violence,
Let us learn to forgive and reconcile.
Let us model inclusiveness and welcome to all.

(sung) Come now, O God, and still our anger; open our minds to peace
Embrace our fear, and hold us close. Calm the storm within.

We pray for healing and wholeness in our nation.
May we move forward with hope,
May we move forward with faith,
May we move forward with compassion and love.

We pray to be a part of repairing and restoring the bonds of community.
We pray to be willing to listen to one another.
We pray that we may respect every member of our society.

(sung) Come now, O God and grant compassion; open our hearts to love.
May we let go of all our hurt. Help us to move on.

Drew: Lord, hear these prayers. Amen

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