

Prayer for Elections

We pray for our nation in the coming weeks,
That we move beyond our fears and concerns
To discern what will serve the common good
For all members of our society.

We pray that we may respond to the call of solidarity
Rather than the call to separate interests.
May we be more concerned with successful
Community than with individual success.

We pray that we consider ways
Through difficult economic problems
That are compassionate and just
For all who struggle for their daily bread.

We pray that we dwell deeply on the call
To serve those in poverty
And recognize that all humans
Have the right to a life with dignity
And with the basic services to promote human flourishing.

We pray that we take seriously
The call to be peacemakers,
Despite the complexities
In our local, national, and global conflicts.

We pray that we honor
Our responsibilities as citizens
Without resorting to the polarization
That limits our listening.

Guide us in the coming weeks
In our process of discernment
So we serve you
Through our choices and
Our concern for the common good.
Amen.

- Jane Deren, Ph.D.

