

Prayers for an election

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God, our Creator and Sustainer,
All the nations are like grass that withers and
fades.

Sovereigns and magistrates rise and fall;
You make nations great and bring them low.

But you, Holy One — your Word remains
forever.

Teach us your way,
That we may trust in your love and
redemption
As we become a people of peace.

Melissa Florer-Bixler
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Sovereign God,

In a world filled with divisiveness and confusion,
please help us to find clarity in you. Empower
us to make decisions that honor your vision for
us, not just as individuals, but as communities
seeking to live as Jesus did. May our daily
work and witness honor your will for
humanity, and may your sustaining power
strengthen us as we seek to do justice. Amen.

Jessica Young Brown
Professor, author and clinical psychologist

Creator, in this season ...

... may we be centered by the promise of your
presence,
... may we participate in the healing power of
connection across difference,
... may new facets of your love surprise us in
moments of dissonance,
... and may we hold your unfailing posture of
peace with steadiness and compassion.

Elizabeth Le'anani Coffee
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Some trust in governments, and some trust in
borders, but we trust in you, O God. Send
your Holy Spirit to reform our lives and
communities according to your hospitality.
Our sins have made us enemies of your reign,
yet you call us friends. Transform us with
your grace, that we may learn to love our
neighbors as much as you do. Revive our
desire for the world you want for us to have:
where the poor receive good news, where
prisoners are released, where the oppressed are
liberated, and where people who are foreigners
and strangers to each other welcome one
another as friends. Heal our enmities with
your gift of peace, and save us from the
violences we have unleashed at home and
abroad.

Isaac Villegas
Ordained minister and author

A Prayer for the Anxious Before an Election
God of every generation, draw near, for I am
fearful.

I trust in You but worry that frail systems will
not hold.

You promise to be with your people in trouble,
that no scourge shall come near my tent.

Steady my mind.

Steady this nation.

Steady my trust in You.

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