

January 17, 2021



**Lenexa United
Methodist Church**

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITANY FOR THE HEALING AND HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

One: In times of trouble, the way won't be easy, for anyone. No matter what the difference is, we must work together. Let our diversity become our channels of powerful healing to be done in every place. It is Jesus Christ who calls us to come together to confess, and to be healed. As healed people, we come for the purpose of the greater good, the work of a graceful God who calls us to action and to do the deep work of Christ's healing touch.

God, pull us from the grave of blame, division, and violence, toward prospects of resurrection in this world and the one to come. We ask for faith and courage to authentically live out your kingdom here, as it is in heaven.

All: *Jesus, heal us, we need you.*

One: God, we seek your help to bring us together as one people, the Church of Jesus Christ, to stir the waters of healing in our hearts and our land so that we can point others to your hope.

All: *Jesus, heal us, we need you.*

One: God, take away our shame for our past disbeliefs and actions, toward one another so we may be your people, in one baptism, and in one Lord.

All: *Jesus, heal us, we need you.*

One: God, by your Spirit, give us courage to remain in authentic postures of deeper listening with those you have led into our lives. Though we may not agree, give us strength and capacity to be non-anxious with one another.

All: *Jesus, heal us, we need you.*

One: God, allow us to forgive ourselves and to be forgiven in the presence of others. Build our faith to join you as you repair our communities and churches.

All: *Jesus, heal us, we need you.*

One: God, sanctify each of us to be your light, love, and instruments of your saving grace, wherever we are and wherever we go.

All: *Jesus, heal us, we need you.*

One: God, send us with a renewed calling on our lives. A calling to go with clean hearts, wide-open arms, and a generous spirit to bring hope and healing to a troubled world. May we be a witness of one Lord in many places.

All: *Jesus, send us, we are with you. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father,
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on Earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever.*

Amen.



COMMUNITY PRAYER

*God of all the ages,
in your sight nations rise and fall
and pass through times of peril.
Now when our land is troubled,
be near to judge and save.
May leaders be led by your wisdom;
may they search your will and see it clearly.
If we have turned from your way,
reverse our ways and help us to repent.
Give us your light and your truth,
let them guide us;
through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of this world,
and our Savior.
Amen.*

"A PRAYER IN A TIME OF NATIONAL CRISIS"

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You are invited to join the Great Plains Conference and our bishop in 100 days of prayer from January 17 through Easter Sunday. Set apart a sacred and regular time each day to pray for our nation and a smooth transition of power using the above prayer.

