

A SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR PEACE & CIVILITY

Cecil B. Day Chapel, The Carter Center

January 8, 2026

- 7:00 *Welcome* **Barbara J. Smith**, Vice President of Peace Programs, The Carter Center
- Speaker* **Soumaya Khalifa**, Executive Director, Islamic Speakers Bureau
- Speaker* **Rabbi Ellen Nemhauser**, Union for Reform Judaism
- Music* **Andrew Greer**
- Speaker* **Laurence Steven Minter**, Candler School of Theology, Emerging Leaders for Community Change
- Speaker* **Rev. Dr. Randy Rainwater**, Senior Pastor, Grace New Hope
- Speaker* **Paa Coss**, Grant Park Meditation
- Music* **Andrew Greer**
- Speaker* **Rev. Dr. Gary Mason**, Founder & Director, Rethinking Conflict
- Prayer* **Jasmin Sosa**, UNDIVIDED, Emerging Leaders for Community Change
- Call to Action* **Dr. Rashad Richey**, Senior Advisor, Georgia Democracy Resilience Network
- 8:30 *Service Concludes*



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A Prayer for Our Nation

(Audience Response in Bold)

Loving and Gracious God,

We give you thanks for this, our cherished nation, that you have entrusted to our care for our children and for generations to come. **Guide us in your truth and ways.**

We live in a time of disharmony and are troubled by our growing divides. **Protect our country and unify us.**

Remind us that no matter our beliefs or views, we are all made in your image. **Help us to love one another as you love us.**

Help us remember your call to peace. **Make us and our places of worship places of reconciliation and healing.**

Give us the heart to find common ground and, where we cannot, to disagree peacefully and well. **Help us reject division and seek harmony.**

Give us the capacity to listen to those with differing views so we may better understand them. **Help us build bridges with respect for our neighbors.**

Unite us in a commitment to our shared democratic norms and let us reject violence in all forms. **Let our leaders guide us with love, integrity, and wisdom for the betterment of all.**

These things we ask in the name of all that is holy and good.



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