

## A Prayer for Our Nation – Audience Response

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 agents 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 of respect with 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.