



FAITH FORWARD DEMOCRACY

A SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Cecil B. Day Chapel, The Carter Center February 8, 2024

6:30 Welcome Barbara Smith – Vice President of Peace Programs, The Carter Center

Speakers Bishop Robin Dease, Resident Bishop, North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church
Pastor Jonathan Hemphill, Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Ms. Soumaya Khalifa, Founder and Executive Director, Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta

Music - Rebecca Duren - Soprano

Rev. Dr. John Vaughn, Executive Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church
Pastor Randy Rainwater, Senior Pastor and Teaching Elder, Grace New Hope Church
Rabbi Peter Berg, Senior Rabbi, The Temple
Bishop Rob Wright, Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

A Prayer for our Nation

Call to Action Dr. Rashad Richey, Co-Lead Georgia Democracy Resilience Network

Agnes Scott Choir

7:45 Service ends

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(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 each one of 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.

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