



**Prayer for our Election results:** *Proverbs 4:5, 6* Father God, as we even now are experiencing the aftermath of this current election, we lift up our prayers and petitions to You. Give to each one who has voted a sense of peace regarding their choices, for those even now seeking clarity from the election, we pray that You would open their hearts to wisdom and insight, help them to remember Your great love for them, and remind them that You will guard them in all their ways.

**Prayer for our Leaders:** *1 Timothy 2:1, 2* O Lord, hear our prayers for the leaders of our nation, our state, and our community. We lift up prayers of intercession on their behalf, as Your servant Paul has encouraged us to do, so that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity. Bless our leaders, at all levels, with wisdom and discernment, guide and direct them by the power of Your Holy Spirit to accomplish their work in ways that will lead to peaceable living for all for whom they find themselves responsible. Bless their families with health and strength so they may feel the love and support of those You have placed around them. Bless those who would advise them with godly wisdom as well, so they might find unity of purpose in their leadership.

**Prayer for our Community:** *Acts 17:26, 27* Almighty God our Father, we confess that You are the one who has determined the place where we would dwell. It is by Your hand that we have been brought to dwell in this community, so that we could seek after You with our whole hearts and find You. We pray Your continued hand of blessing upon this Marengo/Union community in Illinois. Protect us in our dwellings and in our comings and goings we pray. Keep us safe from all harm and danger, and give to us and our neighbors kind, and compassionate hearts that we might care for one another, and look out for one another in love.

**Prayer for our Nation:** *2 Chronicles 7:14* O Lord our God, we confess that we are Your people, called by Your name. We are Christians who live in these United States of America. O Lord help us to humble ourselves before Your greatness. Help us to humble ourselves before Your throne of grace. Help us to walk in ways that acknowledge to ourselves and others that You are God. O God, teach us to pray, seeking Your face as we do, looking to You for the mercy that comes from the cross. Help us O Lord turn from our wicked ways and turn to You instead. Hear us from Your throne in heaven we pray O God and forgive us our sins and heal our land.

**Prayer for Unity:** *John 17:20-23* Lord, Jesus Christ, You prayed for us in the garden before Your arrest, and in Your prayer to the Father, You prayed for unity among those You would leave behind. You prayed, *“that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one...”* This unity is something we strive for and often fall short of achieving. Help us Lord Jesus, do better at embracing one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Give us eyes to see the things we share and find in common more than hearts that seek dissent. Lead us Lord into the unity for which You prayed all those years ago.

**Prayer for the Church on earth:** *Revelation 7:9,10* Holy Spirit, we read in the words of Revelation about the Church that Jesus has given us as a gift on earth. We see in this passage a great multitude from every tribe and every nation crying out, *“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* Help us Holy Spirit to step into that reality in this life. Help us as the Church to pray without ceasing as we look to God and the Lamb. Keep us close as our Shepherd, and help us to remain in Your pasture always.

**Prayer for Peace:** *John 14:7* Dearest Jesus, our world is filled with trouble, harshness, hardship, and hatred is all around us. We know You have overcome the world and we look forward to the day when we will see You again. In the days that stretch between now and then, we pray that You would grant to us the peace that passes all understanding. Help us to have untroubled hearts, and to not be afraid. Grant us peace in these times Lord Jesus.