

**PRAYER THAT WE WOULD SEE
EACH OTHER THROUGH JESUS' EYES**

SCRIPTURE: John 15: 9-12 & 17 [NRSV]

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

PRAYER: O Holy Spirit, my Guide and Guardian, give me strength today. It can be difficult to accept Jesus' unconditional love and even more difficult to extend Jesus' love to others. Grant me perseverance – when I receive and give little stings – that I may not become disheartened. Help me – as I open wide the eyes of my soul – that I may see good all around me. Inspire me – with your joy and gladness – that I may see a vision of your truth. In everything I do – bless me with your presence – that I may see every human being as a beloved child of God. Amen.

SONG: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

ELECTION DAY PRAYER SERVICE

A Service of Prayer prepared for the Wyalusing United Methodist Charge.



"You are the light of the world... No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good ...and give glory to [God].

Matthew 5:14-16 [NRSV]

All are invited to engage in a Spirit of prayer on Election Day. Wherever you are –at home, at work, or in creation– this guide is provided to encourage you to intentionally connect with God on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Take your time. Don't be constrained by structure. Breathe deeply & enjoy God's presence.

Tips for Participating:

- You may pray through the service all at one time or pray pieces of the service at different times throughout the day.*
- If safe & possible, you may want to light a candle as you begin your worship.*
- Song suggestions are included and interspersed throughout the readings. You are invited to look up the song, listen to a recording, and then, take a few moments to reflect upon the words and ask what God might be speaking to you through them.*

*As you listen and speak with God today,
may you rejoice in God's peace.*

~ Rev. Jane O'Borski 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP:

from John 1

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
All things were made by God,
and without God nothing came to be.
What came to be through God was life,
and this life was the light of the world.
The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

PRAYER: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus, your Son. Look with compassion on your children. Take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in the bond of love. Work through struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes and build your kingdom here upon earth. So that, all nations and persons may serve you in harmony. Amen.

SONG: "Build Your Kingdom Here" by Rend Collective

**PRAYER FOR LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY,
OUR STATE, OUR COUNTRY, AND OUR WORLD**

SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 2:1-2 [NRSV]

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

PRAYER: O God, we commend our leaders to your merciful care. May all be guided by your insight, your grace, and your compassion. Today, we pray for our President, our Governor,

our Mayor, and all leaders in our community and around the world. Grant them listening ears, humble hearts, the wisdom and strength to discern your will, and the courage to act with justice and righteousness. Fill them with your love and truth, that by their example, we may see a vision of your Kingdom here upon this earth. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR
OUR ELECTION CANDIDATES AND ELECTION OFFICERS**

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:6-7 [NRSV]

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER: O Lord, our example and friend, you understand how much this human life can be frustrating. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer, you give us guidance on what to do in these situations. We pray for all those who are seeking public office and those who work to make our election process possible. May your Spirit provide them wisdom, patience, and understanding. So that, with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve and promote the well-being of all people. We pray in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SONG: "Make me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Sebastian Temple