



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
 EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

| Date | Prayer | Scripture | Christian Principles* |
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| Oct. 4-6 | <p>Holy God, Though this world depends on your grace, it is governed and tended by mortals, so we pray for those who walk the corridors of power, those whose judgments and decisions we value or fear. Bless all with courage and integrity.</p> <p>Grant each one of us, those running for office, and those who vote, a sense of your peace as we move through this season of elections. Help us trust that you hold all things in your redeeming power. Amen. (New Zealand Prayer Book)</p> | <p>Job: 28</p> <p>So where does Wisdom come from? And where does insight live?</p> <p>God alone knows the way to Wisdom and he knows the exact Place to find it. He knows where everything is on earth, he sees everything under Heaven.</p> | <p>The 2020 Election</p> <p>Will you trust the democratic principles of our Republic and the peaceful transfer of power and support all citizens in their right to vote and participate in this nation's election?</p> |
| Oct. 7-9 | <p>Spirit of Justice, Creator Spirit; Help us to make and keep this country a home for all its different peoples, and grant to our government and all its representatives, imagination, skill and energy that there may grow among us unity and peace. Amen (New Zealand Prayer Book)</p> | <p>Micah 6: 8</p> <p>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?</p> | <p>Peace</p> <p>Will you help your constituents, in the midst of struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect, loving our neighbors as ourselves?</p> |

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| Oct. 10-12 | Eternal God, fount of wisdom; We ask you to bless the representatives we have elected; Grant that through their discussions and decisions we may solve our problems effectively, enhance the well-being of our nation, and achieve together a fairer and more united society. Amen (New Zealand Prayer Book) | Matthew 7:12 In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. | Global Neighbors Will you advocate for foreign policy based on cooperation and justice in our global community? |
| Oct.13-15 | O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among the nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. Amen (New Zealand Prayer Book) | Psalm 46 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ‘Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!’ | Economic Opportunity Will you guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment or their labor? |
| Oct. 16-18 | Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us to elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer) | Colossians 1:16 For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. | Human Rights Will you aspire to establish equal protection of the law and opportunities for all, especially for those who are marginalized through injustice, poverty, poor health and want of any kind? |

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| <p>Oct. 19-21</p> | <p>Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. May we prove ourselves to be a people mindful of your generosity, and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen. (Book of Alternative Services, The Anglican Church of Canada)</p> | <p>Psalm 24</p> <p>The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.</p> | <p>The Earth</p> <p>Will you strive to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to enjoy God's creation?</p> |
| <p>Oct. 22-24</p> | <p>Almighty God, Kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of Your love, through Christ, our Lord. Amen (Book of Common Prayer)</p> | <p>Leviticus 19:34</p> <p>The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God</p> | <p>Immigration</p> <p>The Abrahamic faiths value welcoming the stranger. Will you pursue fair immigration policies?</p> |
| <p>Oct. 25-27</p> | <p>Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Christ our Lord. Amen (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)</p> | <p>Luke 10:34</p> <p>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.</p> | <p>Health Care</p> <p>Will you work with your colleagues to support adequate, affordable and accessible health care for all.?</p> |

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| <p>Oct.28-30</p> | <p>God of grace and gentleness, we pray for a world in which even ordinary humanity fails so often. We pray for those who are called to govern in every nation. We pray that those who lead and take on themselves great responsibilities may not simply wish to seem great in the eyes of others, but may genuinely serve their peoples, searching continually for policies and strategies which will be for the good of all, especially for the weakest and most vulnerable. We ask this for the sake of him who is both servant and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen (Christopher Avon Lamb)</p> | <p>Isaiah 1:17</p> <p>Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow's cause.</p> | <p>Justice</p> <p>Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? Will you endeavor to move human hearts and seek legislation that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace?</p> |
| <p>Oct. 31 – Nov. 2</p> | <p>O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage a hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ , our Savior and Lord. Amen (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)</p> | <p>Proverbs 4:6-7</p> <p>Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, though it cost all you have, get understanding.</p> | <p>Education</p> <p>Will you endeavor to support all schools, colleges, and universities that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and respect those who teach and those who learn?</p> |
| <p>November 3 Election Day</p> | <p>Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)</p> | <p>Romans 8: 38-39</p> <p>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord</p> | <p>Unity</p> <p>Will you strive for unity and comity and encourage Americans to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society?</p> |

**The Christian Principles are based on Book of Common Prayer and the Baptismal Covenant*

