**Emmanuel Church**

**Prayers for the Peace and Unity of our Nation**

January 7, 2021

*Officiant*:

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness

of your rising.    *Isaiah 60:3*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in

eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Prayers**

*Officiant*: The Lord be with you.

*People*: And also with you.

*Officiant*: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

     hallowed be thy Name,

     thy kingdom come,

     thy will be done,

         on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

     as we forgive those

         who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

     but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

     and the power, and the glory,

     for ever and ever. Amen.

**Suffrages**

V.    Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R.    Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V.    Day by day we bless you;

R.    We praise your name for ever.

V.    Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R.    Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V.    Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R.    For we put our trust in you.

V.    In you, Lord, is our hope;

R.    And we shall never hope in vain.

*Officiant:* Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the

earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

*All*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

*Officiant*: In your Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace.

*All*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

*Officiant*: Gracious and merciful God, you are slow to anger and of great kindness. Kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and help us to see your face in all those around us, especially those with whom we disagree.

*All*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

*Officiant*: Eternal God, in your perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love. Spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Peace, as children of one God.

*All*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

God of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in faithfulness.

*All*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress and in the Legislature of this State, that they may enact laws to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

*All*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and 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; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

*All*: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

*I Believe in Love* <https://youtu.be/OLEs98VekY4> by Mark Miller, performed by The Chancel Choir, Christ Church, Summit New Jersey

*A Prayer of St. Francis*:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one

accord to make our common supplication to you; and you

have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two

or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the

midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions

as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of

your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in

believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Romans 15:13*