

## **Prayers for our Times**

*Prayer is a central tenant of our calling as The RE-Humanization Project. Members of the project have crafted prayers specifically for this season of our life and we commend them to your personal prayer life as you have need.*

*-The RE-Humanization Project Prayer Team*

## **A Prayer for Pride Month**

Divine Source of All Love,

We come before You with hearts open to the spectrum of human experience. Today, we give thanks for the vibrant diversity of Your creation—for the many ways we love, the many ways we identify, and the many ways we reflect Your light into the world.

We lift up our gratitude for the courage of those who have lived their truths when it was not safe to do so, the resilience of a community that has turned struggle into celebration and sorrow into song, the beauty found in the unique identity of every LGBTQ+ individual, affirming that no one is a mistake.

We ask for Your guidance and protection: grant strength to those who are still in the shadows, that they may feel the warmth of belonging, infuse our world with empathy, breaking down the walls of prejudice and replacing them with bridges of understanding, heal the wounds of those who have been rejected by family or faith, and lead them to "chosen families" who love without condition.

May this month be more than a celebration; let it be a commitment. May we work until every person can walk in the sun with their head held high, secure in the knowledge that they are seen, known, and deeply loved. Amen.

## Prayers regarding the conflict in Iran

### **1 — To watch over of all peoples in the affected regions**

O God, you made us in your own image: Look with compassion on the whole human family in Iran and throughout the regions touched by this violence. Protect the innocent, shelter the fearful, heal the wounded, comfort the bereaved, and provide for the displaced and the helpless. Take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; and gather all peoples under the banner of the Prince of Peace, that they may live in safety and hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- (cf. BCP “For the Human Family,” p.815; “For Peace,” p. 815)

### **2 — For protection of participants in warfare**

Gracious Lord, we commend to your care and keeping all who are sent into danger, on every side of this conflict. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them a deep sense of your abiding presence. Keep them also from hardness of heart and from actions that dishonor your image in any person; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- (cf. BCP “For those in the Armed Forces of our Country,” p. 822)

### **3-For wisdom for leaders on both sides of the conflict**

Almighty God, kindle in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth. Grant to the leaders of the United States and of Iran—and to all who advise them—wisdom and strength to know and to do your will; fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; restrain pride, vengeance, and fear; and turn their hearts to the work of justice, repentance, and reconciliation, that wars may cease and your peace may prevail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- (cf. Book of Common Prayer, prayers for peace and for those in civil authority: BCP pp. 278, 820–821)

## **Prayer for Dignity to Be Honored for All People**

Let us Pray:

Almighty and Ever living God, we come before you with heavy hearts, seeking your divine presence and guidance in these challenging times. We lift up to you all those who have been impacted by dehumanizing actions and events. Grant them strength, comfort, and the assurance of your love, that they may find healing and hope amidst their suffering. We pray for those who participate in such actions. Form in them the mind of Christ that they may be touched by your grace and transformed by your love. Open their eyes to the humanity of others and guide them towards paths of compassion and understanding. We also hold in our prayers the lawmakers and leaders who have the authority to enact change. Inspire them to display their humanity and wisdom, to make decisions that uphold the dignity and worth of every person, and to lead with justice and mercy. We remember especially all events that have caused pain and division. We pray for peace and dignity for all persons involved, that reconciliation and healing may prevail. In all things, may we be instruments of your peace, working towards a world where love and justice reign. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.  
(Written by members of The RE-Humanization Project).