

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Dear God,

You have said in your word that whenever we know we need wisdom, we should ask for it, and that you will give it generously.* As we take the extraordinary steps to select and support our local, regional, and national leaders, we pray for your wisdom from above.

Grant us wisdom to know the way you look on the affairs of our nation.

Grant us wisdom to understand how you view our world today.

Grant us wisdom to know what an ordered and just and compassionate society looks like.

Grant us wisdom to know what to do with the reality of evil.

Grant us wisdom to uphold the defenseless.

Grant us wisdom to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Lord, we pray that our leaders will personally understand that you are a dynamic reality in the world and in our lives.

May we be a nation which depends on you, acknowledges your blessings, and values what you value.

And in the days to come, Lord, help us to be faithful members of your kingdom and responsible citizens of the nation we inhabit.

In Christ's name and for his sake, Amen.