



Dear Friends,

It's the eve of election day. It is excellent and important that voter turnout and civic engagement are at an all-time high.

At the same, I've heard from many of you about your deep anxieties about the safety and fairness of our democratic process. I know many are concerned about the direction of the country.

I wanted to share two prayers with you to provide comfort and focus on the eve of this historic election. May they provide support.

Prayers for Election Eve and Day:

1. ***Adapted from Rabbi Joe Black: Our God and God of all people: God of the Right and God of the Left. God of the Democrats and God of the Republicans; God of the undecided and the underwhelmed. [...] as a nation stand at the precipice of an election fraught with divisiveness, rancor and tension. We see the demonization and de-humanization that these past months, weeks and days of fevered campaigning have brought forth.***

**We cannot remember a time when we have seen such division. We are exhausted and fearful of the ugliness that surrounds us.**

**God - help us to see the beauty in one another. May our partisanship turn to partnership as we work to rebuild our trust in our nation and in ourselves – regardless of the outcome of the Polls.**

**Help us to keep faith in both our electoral process and in You – the source of hope and good in the world.**

**May this election help to heal the wounds that our nation has experienced. May Hubris give way to Holiness. And let us say, AMEN.**

2. **"A Prayer for Our Country" compiled from some of the multifith scholars who contributed to the book *American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters*. The prayer and all 100 letters are available: [www.valuesandvoices.com](http://www.valuesandvoices.com)**

# A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Every inch of America is sacred, from sea to shining sea.

There is much to be done in our time, the sort of hard work on which God smiles because it is done for the sake of the dignity and well-being of all God's creatures.

Together, let us work to preserve and make manifest the values upon which our democracy was founded.

The task of all people of faith is to call governing authorities to fulfill God's purpose of bringing about justice, mercy, and peace.

Individually and as a nation, may we heed our obligations to each other as we navigate the tensions of building a just society.

Rather than a politics of divisiveness, may we move our country toward a politics of empathy.

May we use our power well so we do great things for all God's creatures, all those made in God's image who yearn for an equal place at America's table.

If we do all this, may grace and peace be ours in abundance.  
May we be a beacon and a blessing to the world.

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**May the election be safe, and may our country move forward in democracy for all.**

