A Prayer for Those Standing for Election

Gracious God, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit to lead and to guide all who seek election to parliament. Bless them with patience, humility, wisdom, and empathy as they consider the path ahead. Put on their hearts, dear Lord, the poor and the marginalized as they consider what steps would create the best future for all those who live in our lands. Remind all who hold public office of their duty to serve the interests of the whole community, especially those whose voices are often drowned out by the powerful and the privileged. Lord grant them ears to hear, wisdom to discern, and voices to speak truth. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

A Prayer for Unity in a Time of Political Division

Holy God who brought into being all the people of this earth: give us the grace to set aside our egos and opinions so that we can see your presence in the eyes of those with whom we disagree. Remove from our hearts all hatred, prejudice, and fear replacing them instead with love, empathy, and the peace that passes all understanding. Unite us, sovereign Lord, in our quest for a strong future for all in this nation and remind us, always, to be mindful of the needs of others. We pray these things in your Holy Name. Amen.

A Prayer for the Poor and Marginalised

Lord of Life, we come before you this day to raise up our siblings in Christ who are most vulnerable - the poor and the marginalised, the immigrants and refugees, the racial, ethnic, and religious minorities and all others who seek to call this place home despite being made to feel unwelcome or unloved. Wipe the scales from our eyes and help us to see all whom we encounter as your beloved children. Embolden us to use our voices to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, and humble us to support them as allies, rather than appropriating their message, when they voice their truths. Holy One, ignite in us a passion for justice that constantly seeks to share the blessings of our lives with all whom we encounter. We ask this in the name of God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of us all. Amen.