

# The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

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The Mission of Church of the Transfiguration  
is to be a Christian community;  
accepting and inviting all persons to share in worship,  
witness and service; as disciples of Jesus Christ  
in the world.

## **A Litany for the Church and the Nation** (for use on Tuesdays)

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The Great Litany from *Enriching Our Worship* Volume 1 (pages 46-49) has been adapted with prayers taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, pages 215, 258, 820-822, and 833 with modifications to the Litany as recommended by Forward Movement.

Additional prayers are from The National Prayer Service for the Fifty-Ninth Presidential Inauguration

In order to accommodate the limitations of technology, this Litany is arranged for 12 voices. Even numbered voices pray the responses of the people. Please note that the voices are heard in more than one portion of the Litany.

All participants who are not assigned a number in a given portion of the liturgy are invited to either mute their microphone or silently pray with the even numbered voice (the voice of the people).

If less than 12 people are present, more than one voice may be assigned to participants.

After all voices are assigned, the service will begin with the ringing of a bell and one minute of silence. The service will end with the ringing of a bell.

## The Great Litany for Tuesdays

### I. I. voices 1 and 2

- 1 Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
2 *Have mercy on us.*
- 1 Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
2 *Have mercy on us.*
- 1 Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
2 *Have mercy on us.*
- 1 Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
2 *Have mercy on us.*

### II. voices 3 and 4

- 3 From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,  
4 *Savior deliver us.*
- 3 From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,  
4 *Savior deliver us.*
- 3 From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,  
4 *Savior deliver us.*
- 3 From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,  
4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day  
of judgment,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and  
obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the  
preaching of your reign,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and  
burial,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

3 By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of  
the Holy Spirit,

4 *Savior deliver us.*

### **III. voices 5 and 6**

5 Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that  
unity which is your will.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of  
all the nations.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

#### **IV. voices 7 and 8**

7 O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

8 *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

7 Strengthen the hearts of our president, Joseph, and our vice president, Kamala. Make them bold for the work you have set before them. Fill them with the love of justice and truth; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve all people of this land. Uphold them with vision, wisdom, and grace that they may discharge their duties to protect the dignity and freedom of every person.

8 *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

7 Guide and bless senators and members of the House of Representatives that they may hear the people's voice and be led to enact laws for the common good and the protection of the most vulnerable. Give them courage and foresight to work together to serve the people of this nation faithfully, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

8 *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

7 Stir up the passion and reverence of the justices of the Supreme Court for the rule of law and the way of justice. Fill their deliberations with insight and their judgments with integrity. May they discern the truth and administer the law with impartiality that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served for all.

8 *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

7 Bless your people who govern in every place. Instill in the leaders of states and school boards, counties and cities, courts and agencies a disposition to use their authority for the betterment of all the people in their communities.

8 *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

7 O Lord God, bless all who dedicate themselves to governing in our land and upholding our democracy. Enable us to be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. May we serve you faithfully in our generation. Amen.

8 *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

## **voices 9 and 10**

9 God of compassion, give to all the people of our land the desire to serve you and one another. Let us pray for those, who through any form of service, offer themselves in devotion to our nation.

10 *Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.*

Enlighten by your Holy Spirit all teachers and educators. Give them a spirit of grace and compassion, that they may have the strength and endurance to instill a love of learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom in those they teach.

10 *Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.*

9 We pray for all who work in places of danger: who rush in to bring help and comfort; who offer hope when others flee to safety. Surround with your loving care all first responders who devote their lives to helping others. Keep them under your watchful eye; that they may continue to save lives, ease pain, and by their presence mend the torn fabric of lives and social order as the pandemic continues.

10 *Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.*

9 We pray for the healthcare workers and essential workers of this nation who answered the call to serve and continue to serve during these long months of the COVID-19 pandemic. We give thanks for their selfless acts and personal sacrifices, even when overwhelmed and emotionally stretched beyond measure.

10 *Give them strength that they may continue their life-giving work with our love and support by their side.*

9 We pray for an end to the injustices of racism and the hatred in our nation that destroys lives and betrays our sacred humanity. Help us build a just society where all persons are recognized and treated as sacred. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours.

10 *Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.*

9 And teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

10 *For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen*

## **V. voices 11 and 12**

11 Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

11 Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

- 11 Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.
- 12 *Hear us, O Christ.*
- 11 Guard and protect all children who are in danger.
- 12 *Hear us, O Christ.*
- 11 Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.
- 12 *Hear us, O Christ.*
- 11 Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.
- 12 *Hear us, O Christ.*
- 11 Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.
- 12 *Hear us, O Christ.*

## **VI. voices 1-12**

- 1 Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.
- 2 Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us.
- 3 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- 4 Give us today our daily bread.



5 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

6 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

7 O Lord, let your mercy be showed upon us

8 As we do put our trust in you.

*A Prayer attributed to St. Francis*

9 Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

10 Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

11 where there is injury, pardon;

12 where there is discord, union;

1 where there is doubt, faith;

2 where there is despair, hope;

3 where there is darkness, light;

4 where there is sadness, joy.

5 Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

6 to be understood as to understand;

7 to be loved as to love.

8 For it is in giving that we receive;

9 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

11 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*