THE ORDER FOR A WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER

— PRAYING THROUGH THE 2020 MIDWAY POINT — Saturday, July 4, 2020 – Independence Day

The Call

One VoiceMany VoicesO God, make speed to save us.O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Voices Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 119

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¹⁵³ Look on my suffering and deliver me, for I have not forgotten your law.

¹⁵⁴ Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise.

¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek out your decrees.

¹⁵⁶ Your compassion, LORD, is great; preserve my life according to your laws.

¹⁵⁷ Many are the foes who persecute me, but I have not turned from your statutes.

¹⁵⁸ I look on the faithless with loathing, for they do not obey your word.

¹⁵⁹ See how I love your precepts;

preserve my life, LORD, in accordance with your love.

¹⁶⁰ All your words are true;

all your righteous laws are eternal.

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¹⁶¹ Rulers persecute me without cause, but my heart trembles at your word.

¹⁶² I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil.

¹⁶³ I hate and detest falsehood

but I love your law.

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

¹⁶⁶ I wait for your salvation, LORD, and I follow your commands.

¹⁶⁷ I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly.

¹⁶⁸ I obey your precepts and your statutes, for all my ways are known to you.

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¹⁶⁹ May my cry come before you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word.

¹⁷⁰ May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.

¹⁷¹ May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.

¹⁷² May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

¹⁷³ May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, LORD, and your law gives me delight.

¹⁷⁵ Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

¹⁷⁶ I have strayed like a lost sheep.

Seek your servant,

for I have not forgotten your commands.

All Voices

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lesson

James 5:7-10 (New International Version)

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

All Voices Thanks be to God.

The Meditation

The Prayers

One Voice Lord, have mercy. **Many Voices** Christ, have mercy. One Voice Lord, have mercy.

All Voices Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

One Voice Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you. **Many Voices**

One Voice Let us pray.

> Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our

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Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, for ever and ever. Amen.

One Voice Lord, we lift before you all those who are sick, suffering and struggling.

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices Hear our prayer.

One Voice Lord, we lift before you all those who are grieving, those dealing with loss or

heartache, those who are stressed and/or depressed.

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices Hear our prayer.

One Voice Lord, we lift before you all those impacted, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19.

Bless our patience, wisdom, and spiritual behavior during this season.

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices Hear our prayer.

One Voice Lord, we lift before you all those in Protest and crying out for justice. Lord, please,

dismantle systemic and systematic racism in all forms, and help us to do our part.

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices Hear our prayer.

One Voice Lord, we lift before you those on battlefields, real or metaphorical, but especially

those innocents impacted by the violent hate, abuse, and misuse, of others.

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices Hear our prayer.

One Voice Lord, we lift before you every leader in our world, Government, Church,

Community, and Family.

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices Hear our prayer.

Lord, we lift before you our private and personal petitions and intercessions... One Voice

[Silent Prayer by All]

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices Hear our prayer.

In the Name of Christ, we pray. One Voice

All Voices AMEN.

One Voice Let us bless the Lord.

Many Voices Thanks be to God! THANKS BE TO GOD!

Final Remarks and Blessing

This service was adapted from the Book of Common Prayer's Service for Noonday