

THE ORDER FOR A WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER

— PRAYING THROUGH THE 2020 MIDWAY POINT —

Saturday, July 4, 2020 – Independence Day

The Call

One Voice O God, make speed to save us.

Many Voices 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.

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

One Voice

Lord, hear our prayer;

Many Voices

And let our cry come to you.

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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*From the Collect for the
Nation – Book of
Common Prayer*

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.

One Voice

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

[Silent Prayer by All]

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices

Hear our prayer.

One Voice

In the Name of Christ, we pray.

All Voices

AMEN.

One Voice

Let us bless the Lord.

Many Voices **Thanks be to God! 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