

A Pastoral Prayer

from Bishop Jung

As we await the results of our national elections, I want to invite us into prayer:

God of all possibility and hope, help us to see beyond our divisions,

Let us seek to understand each other, even when we disagree,

Help us to look for the good in others, never to assume the worst.

Enable us to extend grace, and kindness, and gentleness when we disagree.

Empower us to work for justice and peace, mercy and healing.

Grant us courage and strength to do what is right and good and holy.

Inspire in us creativity and compassion, so that we might find common ground.

Forgive us when we lose our self-control and patience.

Redeem our selfish spirits and infuse them with forgiveness and patience.

Unite us in essential things.

Remind us to avoid harming others, intentionally or unintentionally.

In our day and time and place of political separation, bind us by our faith,

So that no matter the outcomes of our elections, we might come together to honor and glorify you,

In the name of Jesus we pray,

Amen.