



Inauguration Week Prayer Service
January 19, 2021
7pm

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87860517434>
Meeting ID: 878 6051 7434

WELCOME

*Please participate in the spoken elements of worship using the responses in **bold print**.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE LIGHT

Light and peace in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER (*Unison*)

**Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.
Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership
in the nations of the world.
Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.
Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN

TFWS 2173

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:13-15, 19-26 (NRSV)

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing,

and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SILENCE

A few moments of silent prayer and reflection.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the silence after each petition, please enter your prayers in the chat.

At the conclusion of each time of petition, the worship leaders and people respond:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Together, let us pray

for the people of this congregation...

for those who suffer and those in trouble...

for the concerns of this local community...

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...

for our country, and our government...

for President-elect Joe Biden, and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris...

for outgoing President Donald Trump, and outgoing Vice-President Mike Pence...

for the peaceful transfer of power...

for the Church universal—its leaders, its members, and its mission...

in communion with the saints....

Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

TFWS 2200

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN UMH 437

This is My Song

COMMISSION WITH BLESSING

"For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." (Ephesians 2:14 NRSV)

The grace of Jesus Christ enfold you.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.