

At the Time of an Election

Under your law we live, great God,
and by your will we govern ourselves.
Help us as good citizens
to respect neighbors whose views differ from ours,
so that without partisan anger,
we may work out issues that divide us,
and elect candidates to serve the common welfare;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**
Book of Common Worship, 628–629

During a National Crisis

God of ages,
in your sight nations rise and fall,
and pass through times of peril.
Now when our land is troubled,
be near to judge and save.
May leaders be led by your wisdom;
may they search your will and see it clearly.
If we have turned from your way,
help us to reverse our ways and repent.
Give us your light and your truth to guide us;
through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of this world, and our Savior. **Amen.**
Book of Common Worship, 626

For Responsible Citizenship

Lord, keep this nation under your care.
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.
Help us elect trustworthy leaders,
contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare,
and thus serve you faithfully in our generation,
to the honor of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**
Book of Common Worship, 629

For Government Leaders

O Lord, our governor,
your glory shines throughout the world.
We commend to your merciful care
our *nation, state, community*,
that we may live securely in peace
and may be guided by your providence.

Give all in authority the wisdom and strength
to know your will and to do it.

Help them remember that
they are called to serve the people
as lovers of truth and justice;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Book of Common Worship, 628

For State and Local Governments

Almighty God,
bless those who hold office
in the government of this *state/city/town*,
that they may do their work
in a spirit of wisdom, kindness, and justice.
Help them use their authority to serve faithfully
and to promote the general welfare;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Book of Common Worship, 628