

## **FAITHFUL DEMOCRACY PRAYER:**

Almighty G-d\*, most merciful and providential, I'm joining people of many faiths coming before you in a spirit of humility and hope. We are asking for divine intervention to help restore the sacred responsibility of our leaders to serve the common good, to strive for equality and inclusion, and to protect the voices of the people in our democracy. As people of faith, we know that every human being is a person of dignity and worth. In this powerful and troubled nation, guide our efforts to shape a more just democracy that values this truth. Root out the corrosive power of money and restore the common good as the purpose of our politics.

Dear G-d\*, we ask you to deliver this nation from cynicism and from the erosion of trust that divides us. Help us to remain ever hopeful and to hold firm in our faith in the spirit of self-governance and the dignity of democratic representation. Empower us with free and honest elections reflecting the collective wisdom and the will of the people. Touch the hearts of our leaders in the U.S. Senate during this critical moment of our nation's history and grant them the insight to know the right way forward. Instill in them the courage to embrace that path and the humility to unify around their next right steps to create a truly faithful democracy.

## **NATION'S PRAYER**

G-d\* of many names, you humble us by your power to change the course of history. You remind us of the fragility of things we take for granted.

We feel unmoored and adrift; help us to meet this moment as steadfast, courageous citizens. Plant gratitude, inspiration and motivation in our hearts to preserve our all the best aspects of democracy. For it is the best way we know to create a better, more just society.

Help our nation move through the challenges and tribulations of a broken politics and threatened democratic systems. As we prepare for redistricting and the upcoming election, give our people a spirit of hopeful persistence to do our part and a renewed faith in these hallowed endeavors. Please steer our leaders and our people toward a collective, higher purpose of a shared common good and renewed appreciation of our interdependence.

Divine challenger, you are with us in adversity. Carry us through these dark times and help us persevere in the struggle to include the voices of all voters. Guide us to take action, communally and individually, on behalf of a true, fair and just democracy.



## PETITIONS OF HOPE AND DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL

- G\*d of humanity, open our eyes to the rightful priority of people over money and power in our politics.
- G\*d of abundance, let the wisdom of our democracy be guided by the richness and diversity of the American people.
- G\*d of light, open up our democratic systems so they are rooted in truth and transparency.
- G\*d of liberation, free our democracy and our elected officials from the stranglehold of money and special interests.
- G\*d of conversion, soften the hearts of our lawmakers and open them to needed reforms in our democratic institutions.
- G\*d of justice, empower those servant leaders and lawmakers that feel accountable to their constituents and to the common good.
- G\*d of unity, energize people of goodwill across the nation, like those building the Poor Peoples Campaign, to join movements for change.
- G\*d of life, guide our lawmakers to enact life-giving policies that enable people to thrive.
- G\*d of sanctity, root out the corrupting influence of powerful self-serving interests from our democratic systems.
- G\*d of righteousness, help us create a democracy that addresses the needs of the silenced and the marginalized.
- G\*d of truth, restore the faith of the American people in the promise and the spirit of our democracy.
- G\*d of reconciliation, help us shape a shared national identity rooted in kindness and healthy civil discourse.