

The Pastoral Prayer below was offered by Pastor Jennie on January 22, 2017, and was adapted from a prayer distributed by the United Methodist Board of Church and Society. The full version of the prayer can be found at: <https://umc-gbcs.org/faith-in-action/inauguration-day-prayer>.

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at this time of presidential transition.*

Let us pray with all our heart and with all our mind.

Loving God, we pray for the peace from above, *your* peace, and for your loving-kindness...

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of all people of faith, and for the unity of all peoples...

For President Trump and his family, for President Obama and his family, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, and for all outgoing leaders and devoted public servants...

For every city, town and village and all who live therein...

For the good of the earth and all of creation, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it...

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and the orphaned, the sick and suffering, and for all who care for them...

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed, the underemployed, and the overworked...

For the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who love them...

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation...

For those who faithfully advocate for justice and peace...

That we may live our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach...

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us. Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all life, to you, who are Love and Compassion.