

## Prayer A - Responsive<sup>1</sup>

(Call “Living God” ; Response “Your Kingdom come on earth”)

God of Justice and Peace, we recall Jesus’ manifesto to “bring Good News to the poor.”

We pray for our country as we approach this General Election. We ask that we will be aware of your presence at the ballot box, as we cast our votes. We pray that you will raise up clear-thinking political leaders, people of stature, realism and compassion, whose care is for the poor and disadvantaged, the homeless and the sick.

*Living God: Your Kingdom come on earth*

God of Justice and Peace, we recall Jesus’ manifesto to “set the captive free”.

We pray for a spirit of generosity as this country goes to the polls, at a time when the earth’s precious resources are so unevenly distributed. We long for a world in which parents no longer have to watch their children dying from starvation or from polluted drinking water, or from the absence of medical care.

We pray that you will raise up politicians whose care is the support of international development, and who will work to cancel the national debts of the poorest countries, and release vital financial resources for education and healthcare.

*Living God: Your Kingdom come on earth*

God of Justice and Peace, we recall Jesus’ manifesto to “recover sight for the blind”.

We pray that you will protect our nation from extremist politics which engender hatred and division. We thank you for the rich diversity of cultures amongst the electorate, and their links with home countries around the globe. Open our hearts and minds to share the hospitality of the God of love, as we work to overcome all

forms of prejudice and discrimination. We pray that you will raise up politicians whose care is to quench unjust discrimination and to build inclusive communities.

*Living God: Your Kingdom come on earth*

God of Justice and Peace, we recall Jesus’ manifesto to “let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour”. May we be a part of the yeast which leavens the transformation of our society. We pray for a government which is committed to the welfare and human dignity of all people who live in this country, and we offer to you our individual voting capacity, and our lives.

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We bring our prayers in the name of the Risen Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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## Prayer B

We praise you Creator God, for making humankind in your image, setting us free to make choices. As we approach this election, give us the gift of discernment as we cast our votes

We praise you Risen Christ that you have opened our eyes to your offer of new life and redemption. As we approach this election, we pray that the political life of Westminster will be renewed, and led by people of wisdom and integrity

We praise you Holy Spirit that you are ever with us, and amongst us. As we approach this election, save us from small-mindedness, and give us hearts full of love, so that the message and actions of our church community will influence our newly elected MP to strive with us for Peace and Justice.

May your kingdom come on earth.

**Amen**

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<sup>1</sup> Prayer inspired by Luke 4: 18-19