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Reverand Annalie Korengel, Unionville Presbyterian Church

God of wisdom, Creator of all people, and Source of all that is good and just,

We gather in a time when our communities and our nation face important choices. As we approach this election, we pause to remember that, despite our different beliefs, traditions, and perspectives, we share a common home and a common hope for a better future.

We give thanks for the privilege and responsibility of participating in the life of our communities. May we never take for granted the opportunity to have a voice in shaping the world we share.

Today, we lift up all those who are running for public office. Whatever their political party, background, or personal beliefs, may they be guided by wisdom, honesty, humility, and a sincere desire to serve others. Give them courage to speak truthfully, strength to stand by their convictions, and grace to listen to those whose experiences and opinions differ from their own.

Remind every candidate that public service is not simply about gaining power, but about accepting responsibility. May those who seek leadership remember the needs of the vulnerable, the struggles of working families, the concerns of our older neighbors, the hopes of our young people, and the well-being of generations yet to come.

We pray for those who currently serve in public office. Renew their commitment to the common good. Help them to lead with integrity, to work across differences, and to remember that the measure of leadership is found not only in what is accomplished, but also in how people are treated along the way.

We pray for voters as well. Grant us discernment as we consider the choices before us. Help us look beyond slogans and personalities to consider the character, commitments, and policies of those who seek our trust. Keep us from being governed by fear, anger, or prejudice. Encourage us to approach our decisions with thoughtful minds, compassionate hearts, and respect for one another.

In a season when disagreements can divide families, friendships, congregations, and communities, help us remember our shared humanity. Teach us to disagree without hatred,

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to speak without cruelty, and to listen without assuming the worst of those who see the world differently.

May we recognize that no political party has a monopoly on wisdom, no candidate possesses every answer, and no election can relieve us of our responsibility to care for one another.

We pray especially for those who feel forgotten, unheard, or overlooked. May their voices be heard and their needs considered. May our public life reflect a commitment to justice, peace, opportunity, compassion, and the dignity of every human being.

And when the votes have been counted and the results announced, help us move forward together. Give those who win the humility to serve all people, including those who did not vote for them. Give those who lose the grace to accept the outcome and the courage to continue contributing to the common good. Give all of us the wisdom to remember that our neighbors remain our neighbors, regardless of how they voted.

May this election season call forth the best in us rather than the worst. May it inspire honest conversation instead of hostility, cooperation instead of contempt, and hope instead of despair.

We offer this prayer in the spirit of the many traditions represented among us, trusting that our shared hopes for wisdom, justice, peace, and the well-being of all people can unite us even when our beliefs and perspectives differ.

May we leave this gathering committed not only to choosing our leaders wisely, but also to being good neighbors, responsible citizens, and faithful stewards of the communities we share.

May wisdom guide us, compassion unite us, justice inspire us, and peace sustain us.

Amen. May it be so.

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God of wisdom, Source of compassion, and Creator of all people,

As we enter this election season, we ask for wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide those who are running for public office with honesty, humility, and a genuine commitment to serving others. May they lead with integrity, listen with open hearts, and remember the needs of all the people they seek to represent.

Grant voters discernment as they make their choices. Help us look beyond our differences, speak with respect, and listen with compassion, even when we disagree.

In a season that can divide us, remind us of our shared humanity and our common responsibility to care for one another. May those who are elected serve all people, and may those who are not elected continue to find meaningful ways to serve their communities.

Guide us toward a future marked by justice, peace, dignity, and hope. May we remember that, whatever our differences, we are neighbors, and the well-being of our communities depends on us all.

May wisdom guide our decisions, compassion shape our words, and peace unite our hearts.

Amen. May it be so.