

On the Pulse of the Morning

November 3, 2020

Scripture

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Reflection

Thank you for journeying with us through this election season. We hope these reflections and this time of contemplative dialogue have nourished our souls, stretched our minds, and opened our hearts. As we close our weeks-long exploration of the values that shape our democracy and the faith that guides our actions, we invite you to one more act of hope. On this election day 2020 let us pray for the soul of our nation and for the strength and courage to recommit our hearts and hands to building a more perfect union.

As we greet this new day, we invite you to [listen](#) to Maya Angelou read her poem, *On the Pulse of Morning*. You can find the text of the poem [here](#).

Music

[Gabriel's Oboe](#) (Ennio Morricone)

Closing Prayer

Let us pray . . .

For the world and its leaders, may all those in authority have the courage to walk the path of peace.

For our nation in this time of election and transition, may we be gifted with a spirit of reverence for what is right, charity for those with whom we disagree and concern for the common good.

For all who serve in our national and local governments, may they commit themselves to building a more perfect union.

For reconciliation among families and friends, may we learn to love each other not despite but because of our differences and may we focus fully on the work that continues beyond this election--the work of building God's beloved community.

For those most affected by the choices we make, those who are made poor, those seeking safety in our land, those who are ill or without homes, those without food or meaningful work, and for all whose lives are undervalued, may they find welcome in our hearts and in our country.

Amen.

