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Gracious and holy God,

in these days of national division and debate
about war and peace, morality and immorality,
we come before you with our failures to love you fully,
and our confusions of heart and spirit.

Grant us purity of mind and purpose, O God, as we live this day.

Give us the courage to ask the hard questions
and the endurance to withstand the temptation
offered by easy answers.

Grant us also, O God, the humility to seek the truth,
the wisdom to recognize it,
and the strength to live it.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



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