

November 9, 2016

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

The election is over.

Some people are full of joy. Others feel deeply hurt.

We need to pray for all of them.

Most importantly, we need to pray for our nation.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to meet the days ahead with a spirit of generosity and compassion, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and trusting in God's grace and love.

As Americans, it is time for us to put aside our differences, of which there are many, and come together, in order to embody the highest ideals of this great nation and form a more perfect union.

As President Abraham Lincoln said in his Second Inaugural Address:

*With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.*

And, may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.  
Amen.

Yours in Christ,  
*Andrew*