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Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Later this week, our nation will undergo a transition of power from one administration to another.

There is no need for me to further highlight the division, emotion and rancor that led to this important moment.

Therefore, I simply invite you and encourage you to pray for our country:

Almighty God, who has given us this land for our heritage: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your goodness and determined to do your will. Bless our country with industry, learning, and thoughtfulness. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and unite us, people from every background, into one. Give wisdom to those in authority, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may share your grace with the nations of the earth. In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in days of trouble, help us put our trust in your abiding love and care; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 820)

See you in church,
Andrew