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Companions on the Journey

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Dear Friends,

A Prayer Before the Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to understand better the issues and concerns that confront our Commonwealth and our Country, and how the Gospel of Jesus Christ compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit, and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, of women and men oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will truly bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your Truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and the Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, in and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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At this time, the importance of prayer as we cast our ballots in the election is paramount. We will be hosting a Holy Hour of prayer in the Church next Sunday November 1st at 1pm before the Blessed Sacrament. Let us include in our prayer the request for the grace of peace of heart after the election as well. Our Lord is always with us and will never abandon us. Let us remember his promise and enter into that peace which only he can give.

**In the peace of Christ,
Msgr. McHenry**