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PRAYER FOR THE ELECTIONS

O God of justice, righteousness and peace
we long to put behind us all the pain and division of
apartheid,
all the violence that ravages our communities.
We long to be a new and united people.
And so we ask you to bless our elections as a crucial
step in establishing a society more in keeping with
your will.

Help us to ensure that they are free, fair and peaceful.

May your Holy Spirit inspire all to vote responsibly,
and with concern for the whole community.

Guide all election officials,
all media workers,
all who provide security for the elections
that they may act with fairness and impartiality.

Help all monitors and observers
to carry out their tasks with wisdom and courage.

May all our people accept the outcome of the elections
in the true spirit of democracy.

We pray for those who will form the new government
that they may govern with justice and compassion,
and be sensitive to the needs of all.

May they encourage a spirit of reconciliation and unity
and draw all our people to participate
in building a new South Africa
that will be just and peaceful.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

UMKHULEKO WOKHETHO

Nkulunkulu wobulungiswa nokuthula
sifisa ukukhohlwa yibo bonke ubuhlungu
nokwahlukaniswa ubandlululo, kanye nodlame
lonke oludlikiza imiphakathi yethu.

Sifisa ukuba ngabantu abasha nabamunye.
Siyakucela ukuthi ubusise ukhetho lwezwe lakithi
njengesinyathelo esimqoka ekuqaliseni umphakathi
ohambisana nentando yakho.
Sisize ekuqinisekeni ukuthi ukhetho lube
ngolukhululekile, nolugotho, nolunokuthula.

Sicela uMoya wakho oNgcwele ukhuthaze bonke abantu
ukuthi bavote ngokuzimbandakanya,
kanye nangokukhathalela umphakathi wonke.

Hola zonke izikhulu zokhetho,
bonke abasebenzi bezokwazisa,
bonke ababhekele ukophepha okhethweni
ukuthi basebenze ngobuqotho nokungachemi.

Yelekelela zonke izingqapheli
ukuba zenze umsebenzi wazo ngenhlakanipho
nangesibindi.

Sicela bonke abantu bakithi bamukele umphumela
wokhetho ngomoya oyiqiniso wentando yeningi

Sikhulekela labo abayokwakha uhulumeni omusha
ukuthi babuse ngobulungiswa nangozwelo,
futhi babhekele izidingo zabantu bonke.

Sicela bakhuthaze umoya wokubuyisana nobunye
futhi badonse bonke abantu bakithi ukuthi
bahlanganyele ekwakheni iNingizimu Afrika entsha
eyoba nobulungiswa nokuthula.

Konke lokhu sikucela egameni likaJesu Kristu
iNkosi yethu.

AMEN