## **COMMITMENT TO ALLEGIANCE**

We commit to solely having our allegiance to King Jesus. We want to be aware of competing ideologies. (Psalm 115:1-8, Philippians 2:9-11)

#### **COMMITMENT TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES**

We commit to loving and praying for those we struggle to be around and disagree with politically. We commit to praying for our government leaders regardless of who wins upcoming elections. (Matthew 5:43-47, 1 Timothy 2:1-4)

#### COMMITMENT TO BIBLICAL WISDOM

We commit to viewing our politics through the lens of Jesus, not viewing Jesus through the lens of politics. This means we allow our views to be formed and critiqued by Scripture. (2 Timothy 3:16, James 1:5, Psalm 19:7)

#### COMMITMENT TO SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN ALL

We commit to treating all people with dignity, respect, and understanding. We commit to avoid dehumanizing language of those we disagree with politically and/or philosophically. (Genesis 1:26, James 3:9)

#### COMMITMENT TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AND BIBLICAL JUSTICE

We commit to pay attention to nudges from the Holy Spirit when injustices in our world come to our attention. We engage in civic life with righteousness and justice as our foundation. (Psalm 89, Isaiah 1:17, Matthew 23:23)

### **COMMITMENT TO DIGNITY**

We commit to engaging in political discourse with speech and actions rooted in dignity and marked by the fruits of the Spirit. We will watch out for disdain in our thoughts and rhetoric. (Galatians 5:22-23, James 3, John 15:4-5)

## COMMITMENT TO RESOLVING CONFLICT

We commit to having face-to-face conversations when issues are brought to light rather than writing stories in our minds, gossiping, or distancing ourselves. We commit to approach these conversations with a posture of humility, examining our part. (Matthew 18:15-17, Romans 12:17-21, Matthew 7:1-5)

## **COMMITMENT TO HUMBLE LEARNING**

We commit to being quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. We seek to learn from the varied perspectives within the body of Christ. We look to see the heart posture of others that has led to their political view in hopes of developing empathy. (1 Corinthians 12:1-26, James 1:19)

# A LITURGY FOR KINGDOM CITIZENS

God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
In this political season
Realign our allegiance to our true King,
Who is Jesus Christ our Lord
Repair our broken vision towards your new city
Help us to participate in your heavenly sanctuary

Holy Spirit baptize our imaginations
Toward your wisdom
Let our hearts be stirred by the Father's gaze
of all men and women made in His image
Move us closer to our brothers and sisters
in justice, respect, and empathy

Harness our political discourse and speech
toward dignity away from disdain
Enfold our words to the truest thing,
Purify us from gossip and alternative stories
Provide us with strength to resolve our tensions
creating space for intimacy and understanding

Remove us from the distance screens of contempt

To the intimate space of a common table

Let us be the expression

Of your love expressed in the trinity
in humble submission and self-sacrifice.

Amen