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*Grace*  
Liberating  
*Hope*

Uniting Church in Australia  
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### **PRAYERS FOR THE USA**

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As the Uniting Church in Australia, we share in a global communion of churches, who are witnessing to the good news of Christ's peace, love, reconciliation and renewal in their nations and local contexts.

Today I invite you to join in prayer for the churches and the people of the USA and particularly for those in which we share a partnership – the United Church of Christ in the USA and the United Methodist Church.

We express our deep concern and lament over the situation in the USA. We have witnessed the violence of those threatening the peaceful transition to a new administration. We pray for strength and the Spirit's sustaining power to uphold all those people of nonviolence and peace, who are resisting the hate and lies that are undermining the flourishing of civil society.

We join in hope with those Christian leaders who have called for a new day:

*"We must be willing to adopt the new hearts, minds and skills necessary to build a church and world where all belong and are embraced as beloved of God."*

Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, President, UMC Council of Bishops

We pray for God's vision of grace, justice and love to shape the hearts and minds of all those who follow Christ.

We pray for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris and their administration, as they begin their service to the American people. We pray for wisdom, courage and strength, as they respond to the health crisis and as they work for unity, and the wellbeing and common good of all Americans.

In the name of Christ, our Hope and Light, we pray.

Grace and peace be with you.

**Dr Deidre Palmer**  
President