AN ELECTION-YEAR PRAYER

Gracious God,

In your loving heart, you made us.
Each of us, you made unique.
But it was not good that we should be alone,
So you placed us in community.

You made a purpose for each of us: to serve you by serving our human family,
And in turn to be protected and nurtured by it.
You made us the Body of Christ.

You have taught us, your children, that we are called to be women and men for others:
To walk with the excluded.
To safeguard the abundant world you have made our common home.
To call young people into a spirit of creativity and encounter,
where your voice can be heard.
And to show others, in the way we walk, a pathway to God.

As we reflect on our calling
to help build a just and sustainable society where all this is possible,
We humbly turn to you:

Bless our bodies with strength and determination.
Fill our hearts with the compassion of saints.
Ordain our minds with wisdom and vision.
Empower our spirits with faith and truth.
Employ our hands to lay a lasting foundation to bless generations to come.

Lord, you invite us to find you in all things.
As we collaborate as a people in the building of our society,
May we find you there.
In our principles and laws,
May we find you there.
In our policies and programs,
May we find you there.
In our courts and bureaus,
May we find you there.
In our streets and squares,
May we find you there.
And in our neighbors, especially those on the margins,
May we find you there.

We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

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