

THE
Episcopal
CHURCH

January 16, 2021

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the days to come, people across this nation will gather to worship God, observe the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and watch the inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. In light of public health and security concerns, we must proceed prudently and carefully.

Although discussion is circulating online of threats of violence to places of worship that may occur over the next few days, we are not aware at this time of any threats to Episcopal churches. We encourage you to stay apprised of information from law enforcement in your area.

As you consider your own local and regional responses, please be assured of my prayers for you and your dioceses, as well as my confidence in your continued faithful and wise leadership.

Almighty God, We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— “A Prayer for Our Country”, *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 820

God bless you and keep the faith,



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

The Most Reverend Michael Curry
PRESIDING BISHOP AND PRIMATE

