

The 58th
**PRESIDENTIAL
 INAUGURATION**

January 20th, 2017

Prayer for The Inauguration

God, bless this country as we mark a new administration.
 Some are jubilant, some in anguish, and we all seek direction
 And your guidance in restoring the bonds of community
 And the will towards the Common Good as we move forward.

Help us all to commit to peaceful gatherings and celebrations,
 To deep reflection, and to respectful dialogues
 During this transition of government in the U.S.,
 So our country can begin to heal from division and distrust
 And so we may begin to find our way
 Toward a truly just and peaceful society.



God, bless all newly elected and newly appointed officials:
 Guide them to consider the sacred inalienable rights of every person
 As they deliberate and decide on policies and programs
 That will touch so many lives in these states
 Which so need to be united once again in common purpose:
 That every person in this land is recognized as created equal,
 And that in order to form a more perfect Union,
 We must, as our Constitution directs us,
 Establish justice, promote domestic tranquility,
 And the general welfare of the entire community,
 In order to secure Your blessings
 On this land and on all who live here.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

— Jane Deren, Ph.D.

