

# PRAYER IN THE MIDST OF OUR CITY

TAKE A MOMENT AT THE INTERSECTIONS LISTED ON THE BACK AND READ THE PRAYER



## **While you walk: Signs of change**

Note businesses opening or closing; housing under construction, for sale, or being demolished. See languages on shop signs, and buildings used differently from their original purpose.

## **Prayer at a store or shop (Phonacia @Austin & McKinney)**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor. Strengthen those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 259, for commerce and for the unemployed)

## **Prayer at a school (HSPVA @ Caroline & Capital)**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities especially all teachers and students that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, Collect for Schools)

## **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions (Federal Detention Center @ Caroline & Texas)**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen. (BCP)

## **Prayer for those who are homeless or at a homeless shelter (The Beacon @ Caroline & Prairie)**

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and in this weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food, and friendship. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (From the Church of England)





Discovery  
Green



Austin  
& McKinney



Caroline &  
Capital



Caroline  
& Texas



Caroline  
& Prairie



Cathedral  
Fountain