

Prayers for “Standing Together: A Post-Election Interfaith Gathering”

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Tired

by Langston Hughes

I am so tired of waiting,
Aren't you,
For the world to become good
And beautiful and kind?
Let us take a knife
And cut the world in two-
And see what worms are eating
At the rind.

O God, of time and space, we are tired of waiting, waiting for the good, for the change
for the better, for the arrival of justice and dignity

מִן־הַמִּצָּר קִרְאתִי יְהוָה עֲנֵנִי בַמְּרָקֶב יְהוָה:

Psalm 118:5

So we cry out from this narrow space from the devastation of all that eats away at our
democracy, from the vile disregard of your image in every human being, the hatred of
the stranger and the orphan and the widow.

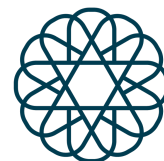
Answer us with expansiveness, with resilience, with faithfulness, guiding our
way through

יְהוָה לִי בְעֶזְרִי וְאֲנִי אֶרְאֶה בְּשִׁנְאָי:

Psalm 118:7

Be by our side through it all, be our help
And let us see the evil and the hatred, the vulgarity and mendacity
be defeated

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Psalm 118:8

It is good to have trust in you, O God, to restore our faith in what is possible, to seek to do what is right and good in the eyes of you O God, to be inspired by a more perfect world

שיר למעלות אשא עיני אל־ההרים מאין יבא עזרי:

Psalm 121:1

From this narrow place we will look for a song for ascents.

We will turn our eyes to the mountains;
And ask from where will our help come?

עזרי מעם יהוה עשה שמים וארץ:

Psalm 121:2

Our help comes from you God,
maker of heaven and earth.

שיר המעלות לדוד הנה מה־טוב ומה־נעים שבת אחים גם־יחד:

Psalm 133:1

And we will also ascend together—how good is it for brothers and sisters, all siblings of all faiths to sit together and create harmony, sing songs, pray prayers to remind us to keep going, to lift each other up even when we are tired and weary.

כי־אמרתי עולם חסד יבנה

Psalm 89:3

For we will declare: We shall build this world on love.