

Prayers for Peace, Hope and Justice

Truth

The prophet Isaiah lived in a day much like ours it seems.

Lamenting a social collapse where honesty and integrity are abandoned and “justice stands afar off,” he says, “truth is fallen in the street, equity cannot enter and honesty is kept out of court.

How much of what we see crumbling around us is because this one central moral pillar of national life – truth – has crumbled and fallen?

Graeco/Latin word for the devil is *diabolos* – he who divides by lies.

How many of our divisions are stoked by sheer mendacity? Deliberate lies?

How often do we ourselves trim the truth to suit our needs and desires?

Let us pray for the restoration/rebuilding of truth. It begins with us:

Great God, you are the source of all truth and all justice.

Illuminate our path with Your truth. Let Your light shine through the barbs of humanity’s lies and deceptions, revealing what is just and true.

Shine the light of your truth onto the lies so often found among the powerful, so that our national life may become more aligned with Your divine will.

Protect us from the temptations of deceit and the ease of compromise. Strengthen our resolve to uphold the truth, even in the face of adversity.

Grant us the wisdom always to discern truth from falsehood, and equip us with integrity, so that we may always act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.

In Jesus’ name, we pray,
Amen.