PRAYER FOR THE CLOSING OF GUANTÁNAMO

**Leader:** God of all creation, be with us this day and every day. Encourage us, your people, to seek justice and peace as we live one with another across the globe.

**People:** Help us to honor the dignity and worth of every person, treating every person as your unique creation.

**Leader:** O God, empower leadership that seeks to embody our highest ideals.

**People:** We pray for the courage, as individuals and as a nation, to do what is right even when we experience fear and uncertainty.

**Leader:** We pray for those who have been tortured and indefinitely detained at the detention center at Guantánamo Bay.

**People:** We pray for the family members of those tortured, those who died in detention, and those held in indefinite detention.

**Leader:** We pray for those working at Guantánamo today.

**People:** We pray for wisdom for our leaders. We pray for the spiritual healing that our nation can experience from closing Guantánamo and putting an end to this dark and errant chapter in our nation’s history.

**Leader:** We pray for an end to the divisions that perpetuate “othering” our fellow human beings – an end to racism, an end to xenophobia, an end to religious bigotry, and an end to any and all destructive divisions.

**People:** O God of grace and peace, may your light shine ever brighter in each and every person.

**All:** Amen.
Justice Now: Close Guantánamo
No More Imprisonment Without Trial

18 years after it was opened, 40 people remain imprisoned in Guantánamo Bay – 31 without charge or trial – well over a decade after they were first sent to Guantánamo.

Presidents Bush and Obama both ultimately decided that Guantánamo should be closed, and both transferred hundreds of prisoners out of Guantánamo. President Trump reversed that decision and vowed to send more prisoners to be held without trial there – but in the face of public opposition, he has not done so yet.

We must continue to make clear:

Torture, discrimination, and indefinite detention are wrong. There is no exception. Any attempt to bring back torture or to send new people to Guantánamo will be strongly opposed in the United States and throughout the world. Any effort to persecute any religious, racial, or ethnic group through special immigration, surveillance, or imprisonment without trial is unacceptable.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Show your support for closing the Guantánamo prison by signing the petition to Close Guantánamo and End Imprisonment Without Trial: www.nrcat.org/CloseGuantanamo
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper
- Include the issue of Guantánamo in your prayers
- Tweet: @WhiteHouse #Guantánamo is a symbol of our nation’s use of #torture. #CloseGuantanamo @NRCATtweets

Resources for these and other activities are available at: www.nrcat.org/CloseGuantanamo