

*In response to the January 6, 2021, riots in Washington, D.C., we share this prayer from Louisville Seminary Trustee Amos Disasa, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.*



At the dawn of this new day and in this moment of national tumult, please join me in prayer for our country and each other. May we be strengthened to claim the revelation of the Psalmist below as our own.

*But when I thought to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end.*

-Psalm 73:16-17

Holy One. We are not certain of what we saw yesterday. Frames of reference are fleeting. Images of mayhem set against our cherished symbols of civic hope don't make sense. Malevolent mobs revealed the fragility of a union we prayed would hold under the strain of politics and plague. The blissful privilege of our civic naivety is gone.

Lord, in your mercy, say for us what we cannot yet express: our fear of hopes diminished, our worry that this is just the beginning, our prayers for leaders this moment will form, our petitions for peace, and our conviction that You make all things new. Amen.

Peace,  
Amos