



A Communal Prayer in Anticipation of a US Election

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אֲתָהּ חוֹנֵן לְאָדָם דַּעַת וּמְלַמֵּד לְאָנוּשׁ בִּינָה
Adonai, You grant us knowledge, and teach us understanding

Help us to recognize the gift of our vibrant and open democracy and the responsibility to nurture it.
Strengthen us to take our duties as citizens seriously, to hold in our minds and our hearts all that is at stake
in this election and to fulfill our obligations with integrity

May we discern Your Divine presence and amplify Your teachings through our actions and
commitments.

Remind us of the goodness and diversity of the United States of America. May we strive to care about
those with whom we disagree as dearly as we care about our own ideals.

Guide our hands to reach out to one another, certain in the truth that what unites us is greater than
anything that divides us.

חֲנֵנוּ מֵאֲתָךְ דַּעַת בִּינָה וְהַשְׁכָּל
May you grace us with knowledge, understanding and discernment