

Week thirteen: Monday 27 November

**A prayer for those working in and with government, the law and
civic authorities**

From Northern Synod

Christ who walks the way
behind us
beside us
and ahead of us.

We pray for those living with the injustices of our society
for those who claim the right of the voiceless to speak
and those who whisper good news where there seems to be no hope
may they know the powerful grasp of your scarred hands.

We pray for those elected to serve in government
for those who are lobbied by conflicting interests
for those who are asked to weigh up the cost of the decisions they make
may they know your helpful Spirit of wisdom alongside them.

We pray for ourselves and our communities
for those who envisage change in ways we can not relate to
for our vocal neighbours and our silent neighbours
may we know the creative impulse to harmonise and heal.

Christ who walks the way
behind us
beside us
and ahead of us
help us not to expect others to travel on our behalf
but to seek the paths we should tread
to play our part
in the journeys of our times.

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