

United Methodist Sample Litany

(United Methodist General Board of Church & Society)

**Service of Advocacy and Witness Against the Death Penalty**

**Leader:** For our social order, that it may show love and mercy, justice and peace,

**People:** We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For all elected officials, that they may govern with compassion,

**People:** We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For all prisons, that they may be places of restoration and healing,

**People:** We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For all prison employees, that they may respect prisoners as fellow human beings,

**People:** We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For all prisoners, that they may have the courage not to become embittered or hopeless,

**People:** We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For all on death row, that their lives may be spared and that they may walk in newness of life,

**People:** We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** That all may be saved from cruel and unusual punishment,

**People:** We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** That the death penalty may be seen as incompatible with the dignity and self-respect of persons and be finally abolished,

**People:** We pray to the Lord. God of Life, hear our prayer.

**Amen.**