

Kentucky Council of Churches

## Prayer in Action Days begin!

This past Tuesday, the **Kentucky Council of Churches** kicked off its **Prayer in Action Days**, which are opportunities for people of faith to pray and act - to *pray* for government officials and to *act* on behalf of our most vulnerable.

Each Tuesday from now through March, we will meet for an hour of prayer and education on important topics. Then, participants are encouraged to visit their legislators to call them to a higher moral agenda that puts the well-being of people first. **All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 131, Capitol Annex, 702 Capital Avenue, Frankfort.**

### January

- 14 - Criminal Justice
- 21 - Healthcare/Disabilities
- 28 - Voting Rights

### February

- 4 - Death Penalty
- 11 - Gun Violence
- 18 - Worker's Rights/Fair Wages
- 25 - Environment/Energy

### March

- 10 - Smoke-Free Tomorrow
- 24 - Tax Reform

## Litany for a New Legislative Year

*For congregational use*

God spoke through the Prophet Zechariah, "Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other." In this legislative year, **we call on our elected officials to govern with justice, mercy, and compassion.**

In 1 John we read, "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

In this legislative year,

**we call on our elected officials govern with truth and love for all Kentuckians.**

The Buddha stated, "Just as a mother would protect her only child with her life, even so let one cultivate a boundless love towards all beings." In this legislative year,

**we call on our elected officials to protect the poor and vulnerable, and to model cooperation and fairness.**

Pope Francis said, "We must do much for the good of the poorest, the weak, and those who are suffering, to favor justice, promote reconciliation, and build peace."

In this legislative year,

**we call on our elected officials and all Kentuckians to work on behalf of the poor and those who suffer, and to promote justice, reconciliation and peace.**

No longer will we, as people of faith, stand by quietly while children are hungry and homeless, while people of color are targeted and mistreated, and while the poor and marginalized are ignored. In this legislative year,

**we will stand together for justice. We will not be silent or take refuge in our homes and sanctuaries. We will pray for our elected leaders and call them to a higher moral agenda to which we are all called -- to do justice, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with God.**



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