



Worship Resources for Ministry to Those Who Are Challenged by Same-Sex Attraction

See *Pastoral Care Companion*, pgs. 370–376.

FOR THE SUPREME COURT AS IT DELIBERATES

Heavenly Father, we come before You at Your bidding to ask Your great mercy, particularly upon the Supreme Court of the United States as at this time it deliberates the very definition of marriage in our society. We know and confess that no people that sets itself against Your divine Law, written in nature, can finally prosper or thrive. Protect us, dear Father, from walking down that path. Help our justices to recognize Your will for human families as the lifelong union of one man and one woman and to reflect that in the decision they render. We ask this, Father, knowing that we deserve only Your condemnation for our many sins, yet we ask it nonetheless, trusting in the greatness of Your love for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE SUPREME COURT IF A DECISION IS REACHED PROMOTING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father, our heart breaks as we think of what this decision of our Supreme Court bodes for the future of our nation and its society and culture. Nevertheless, we do not despair, but ask from You the strength to confess Your truth about marriage with boldness in our churches, schools and universities. We know that as the darkness grows, Your light shines all the brighter. Help us to promote truly Christian marriages not only in word but in deed, and thus to offer to the world a compelling alternative to the path our nation has chosen. We ask these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE SUPREME COURT IF A DECISION IS REACHED DEFENDING MARRIAGE

Glory to You, kind Giver of every undeserved gift, glory to you! We thank You for granting our prayer and giving our society a reprieve. Remember in kindness all those who are saddened by this decision and help them to find in Your unchanging Law not an onerous burden, but the very path of wellbeing. Remember in kindness the justices, and protect them and continue to bless them in their service to our nation. Remember your churches throughout the United States, and give to us the courage to teach the full truth of Your Word with boldness and compassion, pointing all sinners to the only Savior, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

Father in heaven, Your Son does not break the bruised reed or quench the smoldering wick. Remember in kindness all Your children who struggle with same-sex attraction. In the freedom of the forgiveness of all their sins, strengthen them for the struggle before them. Help them to find in Your unfailing love the grace to deny disordered desires. Bless them with congregations, friends and family who will be supportive in their struggle against these desires, and show them great love and compassion. We ask these things in the name of Him who knew our every temptation and yet remained victorious, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.