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## *For Leaders in the Community*

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God of all life,  
you call us to live in community  
and teach us to care for one another after the pattern  
of Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord.

We pray for those whose position and authority affect the lives of others.

Inspire them with a vision  
of the community as it might be,  
where love of neighbor and concern for one another  
drive out discontent and strife, anxiety and fear.  
Help us all to work together with one heart and will,  
with sympathy and understanding,  
to serve the common good,  
to minister to people in trouble and despair,  
and to multiply true happiness among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland;  
Edinburgh: St. Andrew Press, 1994)