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Gracious Father, Lord of the nations,
You are the only wise and good sovereign of our times.

We praise you for Your greatness and mercy.

While we have not yet seen the answer to our prayers
for Andrew’s release, we trust You still, that You are at work
in ways beyond what we can see or understand.

You have invited us to come boldly into Your presence,
and so we come before Your throne of grace
asking that out of Your glorious riches You would strengthen Andrew
with power through Your Spirit, so Christ may dwell in his heart by faith.

Root and establish him in love that he may grasp
how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is for him.

Let Your Word be a spring of living hope,
the presence of Jesus an oasis of joy, and the power of the Holy Spirit
Andrew’s constant source of wisdom and comfort.

Strengthen Andrew in body and mind.

Expose and confuse all the lies that stand against him.

Break the power of evil and cause truth to prevail.

Let accusers become advocates.

Set our brother free.

Cause your gospel to spread widely.

Grant endurance and comfort to his family.

Glorify the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom we pray.

Amen.

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