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God & King



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Let us pray he rules wisely.

Lord God,  
you are sovereign over all your people;  
Give to his Majesty, King Charles,  
enduring wisdom and faith  
in the service of the people of this land  
and of you, Lord of all.  
Grant that his reign may be one of faithful witness  
And prove to others a source of hope,  
that they may come to know more fully  
your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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