

PRAYING TOWARD THE 2020 ELECTION

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I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior (1 Timothy 2:1-3 *NIV*).

Praying for the Church

- 1 Pray for a spirit of humility in the church and an outreach toward those whom the Bible calls "the least" among us (Matthew 25:40).
- 2 Pray that the churches in your community will not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but will preach it powerfully, resulting in the salvation of many (Romans 1:16).
- 3 Thank the Lord for the freedom we have in Him and for the wisdom to understand that freedom. Pray that we will not use our freedom to indulge the flesh, but will serve each other humbly in love (Galatians 5:13).
- 4 Pray that the church in America will purpose daily to walk in the holiness of Christ, and to cooperate with God in making us holy "just as he who called you is holy" (1 Peter 1:15).
- 5 Pray that churches all over the nation will demonstrate the tenderness, compassion, and overall character of Jesus as they interact with both Christians and the lost living around them (Philippians 2:1-2).
- 6 God specifically told us that He wants people everywhere to pray. Ask the Lord to help strengthen the trumpet call to intensive prayer, so that it is heard throughout the church in the United States (1 Timothy 2:8).
- 7 "Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19). Ask the Lord to equip the church to rise up with a strong prophetic voice for our nation.
- 8 God is actually looking down from heaven to see if there are any who understand and who will seek Him. Pray for a spirit of repentance to fall on the church that would cause believers to turn back to God and seek Him (Psalm 53:2).
- 9 "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). Pray for a spirit of courage to rise up in the church, and a commitment to endure whatever it takes to see the fulfillment of God's purposes in our nation.
- 10 Pray for a movement of the Spirit that creates a dramatic cultural transformation in our nation, bringing about a people that has learned to put their hope in the Word of God (Romans 12:2).
- 11 Ask the Lord to awaken the church to the temporary nature of the nations and to the eternal nature of the reign of God (Psalm 37:20).
- 12 Pray for another Great Awakening to sweep the nation as the Lord's people learn to humble themselves with a contrite spirit, and to tremble at the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 66:2).
- 13 Knowing that the day will come when people reject sound doctrine, pray for preachers around the world to fearlessly proclaim the truth of God's Word, patiently correcting, rebuking, encouraging, and instructing as needed (2 Timothy 4:1-3).

Praying for Our Nation

- 14** Pray that courage born of wisdom will be given to Christian leaders in government, courts, and law schools across our nation so that they will stand for a godly basis for law (Joshua 1:9).
- 15** Jesus Christ has set us free from slavery. Ask Him to thwart the efforts of those who would remove religious liberty from our nation (Galatians 5:1).
- 16** Jesus said that when we know the truth, it will set us free. Pray for truth to become valued again in American society (John 8:32).
- 17** Pray that our nation will increasingly see that God is our only refuge in the midst of the troubles of this world (Psalm 46:1).
- 18** Pray for our judicial system and lawmakers—that justice for all, tempered by mercy and compassion, will guide our nation (Zechariah 7:9).
- 19** Ask the Lord to pour out a spirit of repentance on our nation, that we might become a people committed to seeking Him and following His ways (Jeremiah 29:13).
- 20** Pray that a holy fear of God will sweep across our nation, leading us back to a place of wisdom and walking in the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 50:10).

Praying for the Media

- 21** Pray for truth to be an established standard in our news media; pray for bias to be replaced by fairness (Psalm 45:4; 99:4).
- 22** God values honesty and truthfulness. Pray that Christianity will receive fair coverage in all news reports (Proverbs 22:20–21).
- 23** Beseech the Lord for a strong hedge of protection around our nation during this time of decision making, even as we put our hope in the Lord (Psalm 33:22).

Praying for the Candidates

- 24** Pray for the salvation of those who will be in leadership in our nation. Ask the Lord to remove all envy and selfish ambition, which leads to disorder and evil (James 3:16).
- 25** Pray that presidential candidates will take brave stands for righteousness, even when it may not be well received, as this will not suddenly become an easy thing to do after the elections are over (Isaiah 7:9).
- 26** Only God can provide true protection and safety from the wickedness that is all around us. Pray that the families of the presidential candidates will be protected from harm and unjust scrutiny (Psalm 12:7–8).
- 27** Pray that each candidate will focus on the issues we face as a nation, and not on personal attacks between each other (Galatians 5:15).
- 28** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding” (Psalm 111:10). Ask the Lord to surround the presidential candidates with godly advisors.

Praying for the Election Process

- 29** Ask the Lord to remove those who might try to unjustly and illegally change the outcome of the voting (Isaiah 28:17).
- 30** Pray for protection from any attacks from enemies that would prevent or delay the election. “Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you” (Deuteronomy 3:22).
- 31** Pray for wisdom for voters, and for a safe and fair election. “My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble” (Prov. 3:21–23).