

ELECTION DAY PRAYERS

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people ..." (1 Timothy 2:1).

Although religious institutions play a vital role in the life of the community, the Church's place in politics has long been a controversial and highly debated topic.

Civic engagement is the responsibility of every citizen, Christian and non-Christian alike. Even so, the line between Church and State has been difficult to navigate and a source of consistent frustration.

However, there is one Christian responsibility that should never be questioned or denied - the Church is called to pray.

Use this 10-Day Prayer Guide as a framework for your prayers this election season.



10-DAY PRAYER GUIDE For the 2024 Election

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DAY 1 - PRAYER FOR THE NATION SCRIPTURE:

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance." - Psalm 33:12

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for God's guidance over the country during this election. Ask God to give the nation wisdom and clarity to make decisions that align with His will.

DAY 2 - PRAYER FOR VOTERS SCRIPTURE:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." - James 1:5

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for all voters to seek and receive wisdom. Ask that they would be discerning, informed, and guided by truth as they consider the candidates and issues.

DAY 3 - PRAYER FOR CANDIDATES

SCRIPTURE:

"The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will." - Proverbs 21:1

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for each candidate. Pray for integrity, strength, and a heart that seeks justice and righteousness. Ask for humility and a desire to serve selflessly.



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DAY 4 - PRAYER FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS AND WORKERS

SCRIPTURE:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ..." - Philippians 1:3-4

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for every election official as well as the thousands of volunteers who work at voting stations. Pray that they approach their work with joy and that they will be kept safe.

DAY 5 - PRAYER FOR A PEACEFUL ELECTION

SCRIPTURE:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matthew 5:9

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for a peaceful election process, free of violence, fraud, and division. Ask that voters, candidates, and officials would act with respect, compassion, and understanding toward one another.

DAY 6 - PRAYER FOR UNITY

SCRIPTURE:

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

- Ephesians 4:3

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for national unity, that despite differing opinions, people would come together with a sense of shared purpose. Pray that leaders and citizens alike would seek the common good above personal gain.

DAY 7 - PRAYER FOR TRUTH AND TRANSPARENCY

SCRIPTURE:

"The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy."

- Proverbs 12:22

PRAYER FOCUS:

Ask for truth to prevail in all aspects of the election, including media coverage, debates, and campaign messaging. Pray for transparency and that falsehoods and deceit would be exposed.





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DAY 8 - PRAYER FOR ALL ELECTED LEADERS

SCRIPTURE:

"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." - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for those who will be elected, that they would lead with wisdom, justice, and compassion. Pray for the transition of power to be smooth and marked by cooperation.

DAY 9 - PRAYER FOR HEALING

SCRIPTURE:

"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." – Jeremiah 17:14

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for healing for the nation from the divisions and hurts of the past. Ask for a future marked by reconciliation, understanding, and collective progress.

DAY 10 - PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE:

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." - Hebrews 10:24

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for the Church to be a light during this election season. Ask that it would be a source of love, hope, and encouragement, promoting godly values and fostering unity.

EVERYDAY

Thank God for His sovereignty and goodness. Trust that, regardless of the election's outcome, God is in control. Pray for the nation to trust in His plan and provision.

