



NEW HOPE CHURCH PRAYER GUIDE

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WHY WE PRAY FOR ELECTIONS

- God has established government and delegates this authority to mankind to accomplish His will on earth. (Rom 13:1)
- He holds nations accountable for their collective actions. (2 Chr 20:6)
- Godly government should strive to reflect Kingdom values. (Mt 6:10)
- Civil government is called to protect law-abiding citizens and also punish lawbreakers. (Rom 13:3)

WHY SHOULD BELIEVERS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS?

- We influence government officials through our involvement, witness, and prayer. (1 Tm 2:1-2)
- We pray for God-fearing leaders to promote peace and order in society. (Ex 18:21)
- We can affect the nation through our involvement in voting — reflecting biblical values in legislation and leadership. (Mt 5:13)

GOD'S INVITATION

He is the One who promises in 2 Chronicles 7:14., *"If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we will be changed, and we will see transformation in America through prayer!

HOW TO PRAY FOR ELECTION

Suggested areas for prayer...

1. THE ELECTION PROCESS

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

- Pray for the election process to be fair, honest, and free of corruption, manipulation, and voter fraud.
- Pray for a huge turnout of Christian voters.
- Ask the Lord to remove those who might try to unjustly and illegally change the outcome of the voting.
- Ask the Lord to not allow any candidate who would remove religious freedom from our nation to win their contest.
- Pray for another great awakening to sweep the nation as the Lord's people learn to humble ourselves with a contrite spirit, and to tremble at the Word of the Lord.

2. THE CANDIDATES

"Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity. 1 Kings 3:28; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Exodus 18:21; Proverbs 11:3; Romans 13:1-2"

- Pray that candidates in this election will take brave stands for righteousness, even when it may not be well received.
- Pray that the candidates and their families will be protected from harm and unnecessary scrutiny.
- Ask the Lord to surround the candidates with godly advisors.
- Pray that each candidate would focus on the issues we face as a nation and not on personal attacks on other candidates.

3. MEDIA COVERAGE

"...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philipians 4:8

- Pray specifically for truth to be an established standard in our news media.
- Pray that media bias will be tempered by fairness.
- Ask that Christianity will receive fair coverage in all reports.

4. THE CHURCH

"I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working..." Exodus 31:3-4

- Ask for great awareness and discernment for the Lord's people as they pray over the election.
- Beseech the Lord for a strong hedge of protection around the nation itself during this time of decision.
- May we all keep our eyes on Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.
- Ask the Lord to bring revival to the Church of America.

5. EDUCATION

"If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:3-6

- A return to truth and Biblical ethics (Psalm 1:1-2)
- A safe atmosphere conducive to learning
- Excellence in educators (Exodus 18:20-21)
- Equal opportunities for every student (Philippians 1:9)

6. SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Colossians 2:6-8

- Pray that each person would receive great awareness and discernment over the candidates and the issues.
- May voters recognize every false claim and see the truth with spiritual eyes.
- Beseech the Lord for a strong hedge of protection around the nation during this election.

TAKEAWAY

Prayer rarely stops after "amen." When we passionately cry out to God over any issue, we should in integrity, find ourselves praying, "Lord, if there is any way you can use me to be an answer to this prayer, here I am."

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12 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for God's purposes to be fulfilled in our nation. *Prv 29:2, 2 Tm 1:9, Ps 99:1-9*
2. Pray for any schemes of the enemy to be exposed, dismantled, and destroyed. *1 Pt 5:8*
3. Pray for swift justice for any unlawful or corrupt action that is taken to thwart our nation's Constitution, laws, or integrity. *Eph 4:28, Prv 21:15*
4. Pray for the election process to be fair, honest, and free of fraud, corruption or manipulation. *2 Cor 8:21*
5. Pray candidates will have an encounter with Christ that is life-changing if they do not already know Him. *Ps 145:18*
6. Pray for candidates and leaders who are God-fearing to be protected, continue seeking God, and to have favor. *2 Cor 9:8, Ps 111:10*
7. Pray believers would conduct due diligence on the issues, the candidates and their positions, and weigh those with the Word of God. *Heb 5:14, Hos 14:9*
8. Pray believers will take their civic responsibility to vote in this election seriously and participate in greater numbers. *Prv 29:2*
9. Pray citizens are able to discern the truth as they hear the candidates, see ads, watch debates, and tune in to pundits and the media. May they have the desire to seek truth. *Ps 43:3, Hos 14:9*
10. Pray all discourse would be civil and respectful during this time of polarizing views. *Eph 4:32*
11. Pray for the physical protection of all candidates and current leaders during this time. *2 Thes 3:3, Ps 34:7*
12. Pray the election outcome would result in our nation being poised for greater spiritual growth and revival. *Ps 85:6, 2 Chr 7:14, Ps 22:27*