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POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT
PRAYER GUIDE

1. Pray for Christians to engage politically in a way that honors God.

Christians are called to submit every area of our lives to the Lord, including our political engagement. Engaging in politics is an opportunity to honor God and love our neighbors. Pray that American Christians would steward their ability to participate in the political process with wisdom.

Key Passages:

2 Timothy 2:24-26 – “And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”

1 John 3:18 – “Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

2. Pray for everyone running for elected office.

Public service can be difficult, and those who aspire to serve their communities deserve respect. Pray for the health, wellbeing, and integrity of all candidates running for public office.

Key Passages:

1 Peter 2:13-17 – “Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Proverbs 24:17-18 – “Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the LORD see it and be displeased, and turn away his anger from him.”

3. Pray for pastors and church leaders.

Pastors and church leaders should teach their congregations to think biblically about political matters. Pray that pastors and church leaders would encourage and equip their congregations to steward their vote in a way that honors God and loves their neighbors. Pray that they would do this appropriately and intentionally.

Key Passages:

Hebrew 10:24 – “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”

Titus 3:8 – “The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.”

4. Pray for family unity.

Conversations about politics can lead to dissension in many families. However, families should be safe places for disagreeing, testing new ideas, and asking questions. Pray for unity in our nation's families. Pray that we would be intentional about discipling those in our homes. Pray that politics would not be a topic of discord, but an opportunity for discussion and understanding.

Key Passages:

Colossians 3:16 – “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

Ephesians 4:1-3 “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

5. Pray for political parties.

Although neither political party perfectly represents Christians, party platforms facilitate our ability to make thoughtful judgments regarding who we will support at election time. Pray that the two major political parties' platforms would prioritize policies consistent with a biblical worldview. Pray that the parties would be gracious to one another and honestly communicate their platforms to the public.

Key Passages:

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13b – “I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.”

Galatians 5:14-15 – “For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.”

6. Pray for voters.

One of the great privileges that Americans have is playing a role in who is elected to positions of authority. Pray that more Christians would vote and engage in politics. Pray that American Christians would be able to discern the candidates and political parties that would best uphold biblical values and preserve our nation's founding principles. Pray that Christian voters would not be taken captive by alluring philosophies or ideologies, but instead have wisdom and discernment while casting their ballots.

Key Passages:

Exodus 18:21 – “Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.”

Philippians 1:9-10 – “And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.”

7. Pray for our federal, state, and local government leaders.

The decisions made by those serving in government have real-world implications. Pray that our leaders at every level of government would act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before God. Pray that they would make wise decisions, serve the American people, and fear God.

Key Passages:

Micah 6:8 – “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?”

2 Samuel 23:3-4 – “The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.”

8. Pray for national unity.

Although we might disagree on various issues, it is vital for our nation’s health and flourishing that we do not let political matters become more important than our relationships with one another and our communities. Pray that Americans would be gracious and understanding with one another, willing to listen to opposing perspectives, and remember that there is still more that unites us than divides us.

Key Passages:

Romans 12:18 – “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

1 Peter 3:15 – “But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”

9. Pray for America’s Christians.

American Christians can influence their government by voting for leaders who share their worldview. Pray that American Christians would steward their freedoms—including their ability to participate in the political process—with wisdom.

Key Passages:

Jeremiah 29:7 – “But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

Matthew 5:16 – “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

10. Pray for honest reporting.

Pray that the news media would accurately report the news and not sensationalize stories, report half-truths, willfully mislead, or stoke fear.

Key Passages:

Proverbs 4:24 – “Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.”

Proverbs 12:22 – “Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight.”



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