

Praying for Our Nation and the Elections

Thesis: We are a people who exercise our authority to rule with Christ through our priestly role of intercession. And, we are called to participate in the culture as salt and light. So, we pray for our nation and the elections, and we vote our values.

Text: Revelation 5:9-10; Hebrews 7:25

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:9-10).

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them (Hebrews 7:25).

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession (Psalms 2:8).

Following the leadership and example of Jesus, we are a people who exercise our authority to rule with Christ through our priestly role of intercession.

Today, I felt like we were supposed to spend the remainder of our service time praying for our nation and the elections. We will use our model of worship and prayer to help us stay engaged.

Here are the guidelines for the prayer time:

Pray for our nation and the elections. The upcoming elections are important for our nation. Key decisions are being made at every level of government: local, state, and federal. Believers have the mandate to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

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

1. **Pray for** those in authority over us, that God would give them wisdom, grace, and anointing to lead.
2. **Pray for** the Lord to place the right people in the right place at the right time.
3. **Pray for** leaders who will lead according to the pleasure and will of our God.
4. **Pray for** protection for our leaders.
5. **Pray for** godly counsel and for divine revelation for our leaders and officials.
6. **Pray for** believers to participate in the election process and to vote as the Lord leads.
7. **Please don't pray for or against a particular party or candidate.**

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Here are some prayer points:

1. **Thank the Lord for his plans, purposes, and destiny for our nation.**
 - a. *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD (Jeremiah 29:11-14).*
2. **Pray that believers would seek first the kingdom of God (his rule and reign in our lives) and right relationships with God and others.**
 - a. *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).*
3. **Pray for divine guidance for the USA.**
 - a. We need God's leadership, grace, and humility.
 - b. We need to **align** with the ways of Jesus and to get in **action** around what the Lord is saying, not what social media, news, or politicians are telling us to do.
 - c. *The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. 12 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations (Psalm 33:10-11).*
 - d. **Ask the Lord to lead us into his destiny and design for our nation which God desires and has planned for us.**
4. **Pray for shalom and prosperity of our nation and our leaders.**
 - a. *Seek the peace [shalom] and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper (Jeremiah 29:7).*

5. **Pray for the Lord to deliver us from the principalities of anger, hatred, fear and falsehood as a nation.**
 - a. *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:12).*
 - b. *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3–5).*
 - c. Pray the opposite:
 - i. We pray for love instead of hatred, patience instead of anger, faith instead of fear, truth instead of falsehood.
6. **Pray for believers to humble themselves, to pray, to seek the face of God (intimacy), and to turn from their wicked ways (out of alignment and action with the ways and will of God).**
 - a. *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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).*

Ministry Time.