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# How to Use this Prayer Guide

Our nation is in deep trouble. No one, whether Democrat or Republican, God-fearing or atheist, questions this. Yet it is only God's people who can turn the tide, and we do this by falling on our knees with broken hearts over our sin, and asking for His help and mercy.

The Word of God tells us, "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 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, forgive their sin, and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:13-14, NIV).

The 2020 elections will be one of the most, if not *the* most, unprecedented elections in history. As we look to God to heal our land from plagues, division, and unrest, the people we put in office to guide our nation in this critical hour are of the highest consequence.

The Spirit of God is accelerating and intensifying His people's prayers in this season because America still has a destiny to fulfill. As a "light on a hill," the American Church is called to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. We are not finished

with our mission. It's from this vantage point that we present this prayer guide to help launch you into prayer at this critical juncture in our nation.

The *Elections 2020 Prayer Guide* is designed to help you pray for God's purposes in the upcoming General Election. It's filled with Scripture-based prayers to help you pray with biblical insight, and it will give you current information so you can pray in an informed way.

You will find more than a list of prayer topics; we've crafted prayers that will launch you into agreement with thousands of other believers who are praying along with you. We encourage you not to just read or pray through this once, but to use it in an ongoing way. You may want to use it in your personal prayer time, praying one topic a day, or when you pray as a family or with friends. We also hope this prayer guide will inspire you to launch into more intense and expanded times of prayer for our country and the state and national elections.

We have highlighted the major races and issues that affect the nation, as well as those in our own state of Arizona. However, please also pray for the critical races in your city or town that are not mentioned here. And feel free to write your own notes in the margins.

May God's Holy Spirit consume you so that you intercede with supernatural fervency and insight, as together we pray for God's hand to be upon these crucial upcoming elections.

# The Church

*“Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.”  
(Psalm 20:7, NIV)*

As American Christians, we have been given the sacred privilege of praying for and choosing the leaders who will guide our nation. This ultimately allows us to “lead peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (1 Timothy 2:2, NIV). Godly leaders keep the door open to share our Christian faith freely in our churches and in the marketplace. Those leaders having a Christian worldview can make the critical decisions that lead to needed reform in our nation.

However, especially during an election cycle, it’s easy to fall into the trap of putting our expectations—setting our hope—on leaders, rather than on the Lord. God’s Word is clear that we should have an undivided heart and trust only in Him. He alone is our Deliverer.

As we pray for the elections, let’s start by praying for the Church, that we would take the biblical approach of fully engaging in the electoral process and, at the same time, keeping our hearts fully set upon the Lord. He is our ever-present help in time of trouble. And, if we look to Him and His Word, He

will guide us in how to vote in this election, and bring us His highest and best leaders to serve in our government.

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we pray today for Your Church. We ask for Your forgiveness because our hearts have been divided. Today we set our attention and affection upon You. We turn our hearts wholly to You, declaring that You and You alone are our Savior.
- ◆ We pray that You would set our hearts aflame once again, so that we would burn with love for You and others. During this election season, fill us afresh with Your love and compassion for those whose views are different from our own. Cause Your Church to rise above the fray and be the “light on a hill” You’ve called us to be.
- ◆ We pray that we, Your people, would hear the trumpet call to intensify our prayers, because the times we are living in demand it.
- ◆ We ask for clarity and discernment as we, in prayer, stand in the gap for this nation and the coming elections. Give us divinely inspired prayers and revelation into Your divine purposes for this nation.
- ◆ We call out to You to arise across this nation by Your Spirit and release a widespread spiritual awakening that creates a dramatic cultural transformation in the United States—one that breathes new life into a

nation that will put her hope and trust in You (Matthew 4:16).

- ◆ We pray that Your Church would turn out in massive numbers for this election, and that, as they mark their ballots, they would be inspired by Your Holy Spirit to vote for biblical values and leaders who fear You.
- ◆ Merciful God, we pray that You, who raises up one leader and takes down another, would give us leaders who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You (Psalm 75:7).

# Christian Voter Turnout

*“Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.”*  
(Exodus 18:21, NKJV)

We are moving into the final days before the November 3rd elections, and voters are making their decisions and marking their early ballots. The last day to request an early ballot is October 23rd! If you don't already have an early ballot, please go to <https://www.usa.gov/absentee-voting> to request one.

In the political world, Christians are often ridiculed for making a lot of noise regarding their belief in family values, but then failing to turn out to vote. One in every four Christians doesn't vote, according to the “My Faith Votes” website. We pray that this will not be the case in this election. The impact of Christians taking action—from the local to the state and federal level—will be unprecedented when we stand in the gap for our nation through prayer, think biblically about the issues, and vote consistently our biblical values in every election.

If we are to be true “friends of God,” we must stand for the things that are on His heart. One way we can do this is by praying and voting for leaders who fear God and stand for just

and righteous laws. It only takes about 15 minutes to fill out an early ballot that's delivered right to your doorstep. What a small price to pay for such a precious privilege that frames our very way of life.

Think about it: (1) elections have enormous ramifications, (2) politicians have great power in our constitutional republic, and (3) cultures bend and sway in the aftermath of a national vote. We owe it to our children and future generations to study the issues and then to cast informed votes.

Join us in praying for an overwhelming response from Christian voters in the early ballot voting process and at the polls.

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ Father, we pray that thousands more Christians will request an early ballot and participate with godly wisdom in this election.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, stir Your people to engage in culture and participate in prayer and action for good government, as Jesus taught (Haggai 1:14; Matthew 5:13-16).
- ◆ Lord, open our eyes and the eyes of Christians across our nation to the truth about each candidate's position on important issues. Help us to know and vote on what is important to You, and open our hearts that we would evaluate these positions and vote according to

biblical principles (2 Chronicles 19:2; Proverbs 3:5-6; Amos 5:15; John 14:15).

- ◆ Lord, we ask that Your hand will be upon the elections and its results, and that You will grant us leaders who respect and fear Your Name.
- ◆ We pray that the Church, Your people, will wake up and pray and vote, so that we and our children and grandchildren will not suffer the dire consequences of living under godless leaders and unrighteous laws.
- ◆ As Your people, we humble ourselves and pray. We seek Your face and cry out for forgiveness for our wicked ways, asking that You will hear from Heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

# The Presidential Debates

*“The hearts of the wise make their mouths prudent,  
and their lips promote instruction.  
Gracious words are a honeycomb,  
sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”  
(Proverbs 16:23-24, NIV)*

The Commission on Presidential Debates, which has sponsored the events since 1988, has scheduled three debates between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, and one debate between Vice President Mike Pence and Senator Kamala Harris.

Post-election surveys conducted by Pew Research Center since 1988 have found that, in most cases, three-fifths or more of voters say the debates were very or somewhat helpful in deciding which candidate to vote for.

Debates are a public service, providing voters a rare opportunity to see the presidential contenders side by side, and to take their measure for an extended stretch of time in a high-pressure setting. But in practice, the events have degenerated into media spectacles, showcasing much that is wrong with both electoral politics and journalism.

Increasingly, the role of the moderators is an area of concern. The most common complaints are that the moderators

play favorites, and that they either do not have the skills to control the candidates or the strength to call them back to order when they wander too far afield.

The media spin and political framing done after the debates are used to move the undecided voters to one side or another. Often misinformation and “gaslighting” techniques are unscrupulously used.

Our job, as voters, is to pray and ask God for His wisdom and insight to see through the rhetoric in casting our vote. Let’s begin by praying for these public debates, that truth and godly vision for our country would be revealed, and that voters will see through the hype to the true motives and leadership skills of the candidates.

## Let’s Pray:

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we ask You to protect and keep in health and safety each candidate, the venue of the debate, and the moderator. Uncover any hidden evil plan set out to kill, steal, or destroy this pre-election process. We invite Your Holy Spirit to uncover and reveal Your plans and purposes for our nation through this process (Matthew 6:10).
- ◆ We pray that during the debates You will bring clarity to where each candidate stands on critical issues. We pray that the viewers will have wisdom and discernment as they process what they see and hear (Proverbs 2:6-9, 16:23-24).

- ◆ Lord, we pray for the moderators running the debates. We ask that You direct their questions and guard the integrity of their role. We pray that they will be fair and unbiased, and that the questions would truly relate to the future course of America. We pray that the moderators will act with boldness, grace, and skill to keep the candidates on track (James 2:1-4).
- ◆ Heavenly Father, we pray that You influence the candidates to answer the questions directly and truthfully (Matthew 7:12; Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3).
- ◆ With the authority of the name of Jesus Christ that we have as Your followers, we decree that the evil one has no power over these debates. We declare, in the mighty name of Jesus, that every evil plan to influence these debates is uncovered, cast down, and will fail (Mark 4:22, 6:7).
- ◆ We pray going forward that You will cause the candidates' hearts to be civil toward one another. We pray they will conduct themselves with humility and show respect towards one another, honoring You and each other (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).
- ◆ We pray that the media will be fair and unbiased as they assess and comment on the debate results. Father, we ask for Your Spirit of Truth to come forth following each debate.

- ◆ Lord, we ask You for mercy on this nation, giving us leaders of integrity who will govern in wisdom and righteousness (Proverbs 11:11, 14:34; Isaiah 33:2-12).

# Exposure of Corruption

*“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin  
is a reproach to any people.”  
(Proverbs 14:34, NKJV)*

“The times are dark, the spirits of ruin are abroad in all their power, and the mercy of God alone can save us.” Although Abraham Lincoln spoke those words in November of 1862, they apply to America today. We need “the mercy of God alone” in our lives, churches, government, and nation as never before.

Today, as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, let’s call out to our Heavenly Father and ask Him to show us our own shortcomings—the ways we have displeased Him. Let us cry out for His forgiveness and mercy.

As we turn our prayers toward our nation, let’s ask for the light of Almighty God to expose and clean up corruption in every 1) realm of government, politics, and public service, 2) intelligence, national defense, and 3) military, immigration, justice, and law enforcement.

During these days before the elections, let’s especially pray for exposure of all corruption, graft, or fraud in the lives, offices, or campaigns of those running for elected office across our nation. Regardless of the political party, let’s agree that all

corruption will be exposed, righteousness exalted, and justice established. As the prophet Jeremiah said, it's time to "uproot and overthrow, to build and to plant" (Jeremiah 1:10b).

As Christians, let's join in prayer with many who are praying (and fasting) across our nation today. We can be encouraged that our prayers are heard, and that they present a channel through which God will work miracles.

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we ask that You give us, the body of Christ, the grace to open our eyes and hearts to see our own sin. Out of Your goodness, draw us to repentance.
- ◆ We ask, in Jesus' name, that You would expose and clean up all corruption in every sphere of government, politics, and public service, the intelligence community, national defense and military, immigration, justice, and law enforcement. We pray that everything covered will be revealed and all things hidden in darkness will be brought to light (Matthew 10:26).
- ◆ We pray for a safe, just, and fair election process. We ask You, Lord, to remove those who would try to unjustly and illegally change the outcome of the voting.
- ◆ Lord, we pray that any and all voter fraud will be exposed, whether from theft, bribery, coercion, illegal voting, manipulation of social media, or inaccurate counting of votes. Lord, expose it all, in Jesus' Name.

- ◆ Together we stand, in the mighty name of Jesus, against all attacks from the evil one that would attempt to prevent or delay the election or its results.
- ◆ We ask that You reveal the true hearts, character, and motives of all candidates running for an elective office (Proverbs 16:12, 25:5, 28:2).
- ◆ Father, we ask that You exalt the wise, righteous, and godly candidates running for governmental office (Proverbs 11:11). We pray for the restoration of integrity and justice, where there has been corruption, in Jesus' name (Psalm 19:7).

# Informed Voters and Party Platforms

*“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,  
who put darkness for light and light for darkness,  
who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”*  
(Isaiah 5:20, NIV)

*“Appoint judges and officials for yourselves from each of your  
tribes in all the towns the Lord your God is giving you. They  
must judge the people fairly. You must never twist justice  
or show partiality. Never accept a bribe, for  
bribes blind the eyes of the wise  
and corrupt the decisions of the godly. Let  
true justice prevail, so you may live  
and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”*  
(Deuteronomy 16:18, NLT)

One of our most influential powers as citizens is exercising our right to vote. However, with this power comes a civic responsibility to consider our options and make informed decisions when electing representatives to office (Deuteronomy 16:18).

Perhaps even more difficult than simply casting a ballot is being well-informed in the lead-up to the election. This is not always an easy task, especially with the constant efforts and

manipulative tactics by campaigns and the media to persuade voters to elect certain politicians.

Many people vote along party lines, often voting for all the candidates under their party's banner, regardless of whether they know who the candidates are or what those candidates truly stand for. Although understanding candidates' backgrounds and platforms can be time-consuming, ultimately, it makes you a more informed voter.

Perhaps now more than any other time in our 244-year history, America is teetering on a precipice. Being informed about who we're voting for on the ballot is especially important now because of the polarized atmosphere we're living in. Issues such as life, religious freedom, national security, and marriage are at the forefront, and what the candidates stand for is as different as night and day. The outcome will thrust the nation forward into our prophetic destiny or set us back for years to come.

Below are some resources that will help you to research party platforms, who's running, and what their positions are. We, as followers of Christ, need discernment to know truth from error, and the best way to see truth is from a biblical point of view.

## **Links:**

Biblical Voter

Major Party Platform Comparisons

<https://www.biblicalvoter.com/major-party-platform-comparisons>

Family Research Council  
Major Party Platform Comparisons  
EF18H05.pdf  
<https://downloads.frcaction.org/EF/EF20I08.pdf>

Million Voices 2020  
2020 PRES. VOTER GUIDE  
<https://millionvoices.org/voter-guides/2020-Presidential-Voter-Guide.pdf>

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we pray that people will seriously seek You in how they should vote and will become informed about where candidates stand on the issues (Isaiah 5:20).
- ◆ We ask You to move on the hearts of voters to desire to learn about the candidates, the government offices they are running for, and the critical issues in this election. We ask that You would guide voters to credible information sources (John 16:13-15).
- ◆ We pray for the true hearts, character, and motives of all candidates running for office to be clearly evident. We ask that truthful information about godly candidates will get out to the public, and that these candidates will receive fair media coverage (Proverbs 10:9; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Mark 4:22; Luke 8:17).

- ◆ We ask You to influence Your followers with godly wisdom and guidance. Guide them into truth as they inquire into candidates. Open their eyes to the two party platforms so they understand each party's values (Ephesians 1:18).
- ◆ We pray that pastors will speak up and instruct boldly on biblical values and the issues at stake, and that their congregations will understand what the Bible says about the kind of leaders we should elect and the kind of laws we should vote for or against (Acts 26:18).
- ◆ Father, we ask that You conform our hearts, thoughts, and conclusions to Your heart and will concerning how to vote (Proverbs 16:3).
- ◆ We pray that Your hand will be upon these elections and that Your people will participate by educating themselves, turning out in large numbers, and voting their biblical values.

# Mayor and City Council Elections

*“Choose some well-respected men from each tribe who are known for their wisdom and understanding, and I will appoint them as your leaders.”  
(Deuteronomy 1:3, NLTse)*

There are 91 incorporated municipal governments (cities and towns) in Arizona. Of these, Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa, Gilbert, and Scottsdale, as well as many other cities, will elect mayors and city councils in November.

In light of the more prominent presidential and senate races and controversial propositions, these races may not appear as important. However, city councils are empowered by law to make decisions on many matters of importance in our local communities that affect our lives and families.

Let’s look at what a mayor and city council members are responsible for:

The mayor’s function in a city or town is similar to a governor’s function in a state. The mayor is the chief executive officer of a city and often acts in a ceremonial role for the city, and as the city’s spokesperson. The mayor oversees the city’s administration and operations. The mayor runs city council meetings,

working with the council to set policy. A mayor's term is for four years.

City councils are the legislators of a municipality who are democratically elected to decide which services will be provided and how to pay for them, along with many other tasks. Their term is for four years.

A quick review of the partisan breakdown of the mayors of the 100 largest U.S. cities was: 64 Democrats, 28 Republicans, three independents, and four nonpartisans. Although nonpartisan council elections are the rule in most cities, party identification remains an important indicator of attitudes that may influence council members' decisions.

Some of the functions of the council are to:

- ◆ Review and approve the annual city budget of services and programs
- ◆ Establish long and short-term objectives and priorities that directly affect the city
- ◆ Establish tax rates to pay for all services and programs
- ◆ Pass ordinances and resolutions governing the city
- ◆ Modify the city's charter
- ◆ Regulate business activity through licensing and regulations
- ◆ Regulate public health and public safety

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ Dear Lord, we ask You to awaken us to the importance of the mayoral and city council elections. Impress upon our hearts and every follower of Christ to vote in those that align with biblical principles. Encourage us and every voter to take the time to research the values of those who are running for these offices (Acts 17:11).
- ◆ By the power of Your Spirit, we pray for men and women of integrity to be elected—those who are called and gifted to manage our cities with wisdom, knowledge, order, and efficiency (Deuteronomy 1:13; Zechariah 4:6).
- ◆ Lord, we ask You to remove those who would use their influential positions to take our cities down the wrong path (Daniel 2:20-21).
- ◆ We ask for mayors and city council members who truly love our cities and its people—and who love You—to be elected (2 Thessalonians 3:5).
- ◆ We pray for mayors and council members to be elected who are adept at pursuing and finding solutions for our cities' problems. We pray for city leaders who will distinguish themselves in working together to make wise decisions that honor You and contribute positively toward the good of the community (Proverbs 29:2; 1 Peter 3:8).

# Proposition 207— The Legalization of Recreational Marijuana

*“So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.”*  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:6-8, NIV)*

The use of recreational marijuana is back on the ballot for Arizonans this year as Proposition 207. On the surface, the language of this proposition may appear harmless enough. But let's take a close look at the fallout of this proposition, as written, if it were to pass.

Proposition 207 was created by the Smart and Safe Arizona Political Action Committee (PAC). The PAC has received over \$3.47 million in contributions. Marijuana, especially THC (the intoxicating and hallucinogenic drug in marijuana), is big business, and it needs Arizona to change its laws that currently protect families, kids, and businesses in order to secure an ongoing customer base.

The ambiguous language of the initiative, as written, will lead voters astray. Many voters do not understand the full ramifications of legalizing “recreational” marijuana. This is not a political issue and it is not solely a moral one. Recreational marijuana use endangers our kids, workplaces, and our highway safety.

Consider the following:

## Increased Danger on the Roads

Even those who generally support decriminalizing marijuana reject Prop 207 because of the details that weaken current DUI laws, allowing people with THC in their system to drive. The increased danger on the roads is one of the most significant drawbacks of Prop 207, because the initiative does nothing to stop it. The language in the initiative is “driving impaired *remains* illegal.” But it offers no standard for determining that impairment, such as there is for alcohol. After voters legalized recreational marijuana use in Colorado, nearly 70% of marijuana users admit driving stoned—many of them daily, resulting in a **doubling of traffic deaths** involving drivers with THC in their system. Other “legal” states saw similar results.

## A Nightmare for Employers

Unquestionably, Prop 207 would be a nightmare for employers. That’s in part why the Arizona Chamber of Commerce opposes Prop 207. It creates a statutory right to use marijuana and weakens the rights of employers to maintain a drug-free

workplace. Prop 207 does not allow employers to prohibit use of marijuana by employees outside the workplace nor to take adverse action against an employee based solely on a positive test for marijuana. An employee could smoke marijuana at lunch or on a break and come back to work impaired and unfit to do their job. As examples, this presents a threatening level of danger for those who work with dangerous machinery or who care for the vulnerable in nursing homes, hospitals, and other health care facilities.

## **Creates a Market to Kids**

Prop 207 creates a client base for years to come by pretending to protect kids while marketing to kids. It claims marijuana use is only for adults, but it allows high-potency, marijuana-laced gummies, cookies, snacks, and vape pens (ARS 36-2860); it allows advertising on all platforms (ARS 36-2859); and it waves a hand at legal penalties (ARS 36-2853(B)). THC has been shown to impair the mental development of young children and adolescents. (“Marijuana and Teens,” *American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*, No. 106, Update October 2019.)

## **Prolonged Use Can Adversely Affect Brain Function**

Using marijuana can cause damage to brain cells that result in a number of concurrent symptoms throughout the body. Some effects of heavy marijuana use on the brain cannot be reversed among teens. Just as years of heavy use of alcohol, meth, and

heroin use can cause irreversible brain damage, prolonged marijuana abuse can affect the ability of brain cells to communicate. When people smoke marijuana, they may notice they struggle with staying focused or recalling important details. This may worsen with prolonged use.

## **Two Additional Points to Remember**

Those who need marijuana for medical reasons can already access it. Rejecting Prop 207 would do nothing to change Arizona's current medical marijuana law.

Arizona laws passed by ballot initiatives are nearly impossible to fix or change. The state legislature cannot fix problems that arise from poorly worded propositions. If Arizonans pass Prop 207, we live with it and its consequences—as is.

## **Let's Pray:**

- ◆ Father of Light, we ask that You expose the truth behind the language of Prop 207. Grant the voters of Arizona profound insight and understanding concerning this proposition (Psalm 43:3).
- ◆ We pray that voters of all ages will feel compelled to investigate this proposition and not just take it at face value. Lord, we ask that You assist them in finding accurate information so they can make an informed decision about how to vote (Proverbs 25:2).
- ◆ Father God, give Arizonans of all races, creeds, and political leanings the courage to rise up as one voice to

protect our youth and communities by voting “NO” on Prop 207 (Psalm 133).

- ◆ Heavenly Father, You assigned us as agents of the Kingdom and gatekeepers of Arizona to protect our children and our citizens. Together we take our stand, in the authority we have in Jesus Christ, and we declare that the door is shut to Prop 207, that all forms of recreational marijuana and THC are illegal and will remain illegal in Arizona! (Isaiah 22:22)

# Protection from National Unrest

*“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”  
(John 10:10, NLTse)*

“The winner of the November 3rd election will be inaugurated on January 20th,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell tweeted recently. “There will be an orderly transition just as there has been every four years since 1792.”

However, concern is rising about what will happen following the November election. Will the losing party refuse to concede? Will its supporters take to the streets? In this election year of plague, recession, catastrophized politics, and doubt cast on the integrity of the election, we could well see a protracted post-election struggle in the courts and the streets if the results are close. Not only that; doubts about the fairness of November’s vote come as another high-stakes political battle is being fought—the raging controversy on whether or not to appoint a new Supreme Court justice before the election.

In this volatile atmosphere, it is important that we pray strategically, asking God to release His powerful presence into our cities and our nation’s capital and stay the hand of the

enemy who would try to bring chaos and violence to destroy this nation.

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ Heavenly Father, You have urged us to seek the peace and prosperity of our cities and to pray on behalf of them, for in the welfare of our cities, we, too, will find peace and prosperity (Jeremiah 29:7).
- ◆ We hold before You our cities filled with destruction and unrest. Even as You spoke to a raging storm, we release, in the authority of Jesus Christ, the mighty name You have given us, that Your supernatural peace and calm would overtake Washington, DC and every city across this nation (Psalm 119:165; John 16:33).
- ◆ You told us to pray for our leaders that we might live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1 Timothy 2: 1-2). Therefore, we lift our leaders (current and those to be elected) before You and ask You to compel them to pursue Your wisdom and guidance. Help them make decisions that lead to the peace and well-being of our cities and her citizens. Give our President grace and courage and humility to make sound decisions that bring about peace, unity, liberty, and justice for all (Psalm 119:165).
- ◆ Lord God, we know that we are in a spiritual battle that is not against flesh and blood. We ask You to transform the raging hearts of men, women and young

people. We ask you to diffuse volatile situations before they arise (Psalm 68:1).

- ◆ God of Peace, we ask that You extend a supernatural peace over Arizona. Fill the atmosphere with Your presence and bring calmness and clarity to Arizona voters. Bring down all unfruitful and destructive unrest, fear, and confusion. Be glorified in our midst, Mighty God (Job 25:2).
- ◆ Lord, turn our hearts wholly back to You; show us mercy and heal our land. Remove bitterness, resentment, and divisiveness from our hearts and empower us to live as brothers and sisters, according to Your Word (2 Chronicles 7:14; Ephesians 4:31).
- ◆ We pray that the voting process will go smoothly, that there will be no voter fraud (see section on page 16 about exposing corruption), and that the elections will not be unduly contested.
- ◆ Lord, we pray that every American will increasingly see that You are our only refuge in the midst of this trouble (Jeremiah 33:6).

# School Boards

*“Take hold of instruction, do not let go.  
Guard her, for she is your life.”  
(Proverbs 4:13)*

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”  
(Proverbs 9:10)*

Studies show that local school boards play a critical role in the success of their district’s schools. These boards are a powerful influence that shape our schools and the lives of the students in them. This is so important because our schools, colleges, and universities are molding the belief system of our students, everything from self-image and morality to religion, family, and country. They have tremendous authority to make decisions at a local level, including:

1. Planning for the schools in their community, setting goals, and establishing the quality of education and moral policies
2. Approving textbook and curriculum materials
3. Being accountable to the community to make sure schools are well-run

4. Hiring and evaluating the district superintendent and setting high standards for educators
5. Overseeing the budgets, salaries for employees, and approving purchases

The role of school board members is one of the most important and influential in our community! This is why it's so important to vote in school board elections prayerfully, thoughtfully, and consistently.

In the upcoming November 2020 general elections, Arizona, for example, will be voting for approximately 90 school board members in districts across the state. School boards not only have a lasting impact on local education of children, but these boards are typically the first step for anyone seeking higher public office as a mayor, state representative, or congressman. School boards are often the launching pad for political careers.

If more Christians were involved in their local school boards, it would not only bring godly wisdom and blessing to our schools, but also produce a strong pool of Christian candidates who could go on to win other local and state races. Of course, this highlights the importance of becoming an informed Christian who VOTES in these critical elections!

If only 10 percent more evangelical Christians came out to vote, it would tip an election. According to one case study in Austin, Texas, only 2.5 percent of registered voters showed up to the polls and voted for their school board!

The study went on to say, "Voters often do not know their elected school board member's name or responsibilities . . ."

Even if you are not a board member, as a concerned parent, property taxpayer, and a prayerful watchman, you can still attend school board meetings in your local area, get to know your board members, pray for them, and share your encouragement, ideas, or concerns for the sake of the children attending those schools. Of course, voting in school board elections is one of the most important things you can do to ensure the safety and well-being for the future of our children and the emerging generation.

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ God, we fervently call out to You to ACTIVATE Your Church to be involved in the concerns and governance of our schools, by voting, attending board meetings, and serving as board members. Make us “salt and light” to our local communities and help us not neglect our schools, in Jesus’ name.
- ◆ Father, we pray that people will awaken to the importance of school board elections and the influence they have on our children and future generations for good or evil.
- ◆ We call on You, Father God, to awaken parents, grandparents, and citizens to take time to learn about the school board candidates running for office in their communities and that they would vote for candidates with biblical values.

- ◆ Holy God, raise up godly leaders to serve on school boards and in the administration of our schools. Set into position men and women with integrity and purity of heart. Grant favor and wisdom to these leaders as they walk in the fear of the Lord.
- ◆ Lord, raise up qualified and godly leaders who will select curriculum that preserves our godly heritage as a nation. We pray for the selection of textbooks that present biblical values to students and help guide them to the path that leads to success, blessings, and an honorable life.
- ◆ Set in place gifted leaders who will champion excellence in education and godly values of the emerging generations.
- ◆ We pray for the election of school superintendents and school board members who will set fair policies, hire highly qualified and godly teachers, protect the safety and well-being of our children, and guard the religious rights of students and teachers.
- ◆ Lord, we pray for the election of school board members who can set a unified vision, who possess a sense of urgency for needed godly reforms, and who have a heart to see God's very best for our students.
- ◆ Lord, in this 2020 general election, we pray for unprecedented numbers of Christians to turn out to vote for school board candidates who possess godly values.

# "Special" Election Senate Race – 2020

*So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is  
making his appeal through us.  
We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"  
(2 Corinthians 5:20, NLT)*

Electing a U.S. State Senator is always a very important responsibility with enormous consequences for the state and for the nation. The Arizona 2020 Senate Race has taken on even more significance at a national level because it is what is termed a "special" election.

This special election was triggered when Governor Ducey appointed Martha McSally to fill the seat left vacant by Senator John McCain, who died in 2018. McSally is running to complete the term for the Republican party. She faces former astronaut Mark Kelly, who ran uncontested in the Democratic primary.

With the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, this special election has come into the national spotlight because whoever wins the seat in the upcoming elections will take office immediately following the election results, perhaps casting the deciding vote in the confirmation for President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee.

For Arizona voters, how these two candidates stand on issues of life, marriage, and religious liberties, etc., are of extreme importance. Our vote will have immediate and long-term consequences at the state and national level, and will conceivably even factor into future Supreme Court rulings on life and marriage.

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ Lord, we ask that You awaken and open the eyes of Arizonans to realize the high stakes of the 2020 Senate race. We pray voters will take time to learn the truth about the candidates and their positions on the important issues of life, marriage, and religious liberty (Psalm 43:3).
- ◆ We pray that You will call Your people to their God-given responsibility to vote. We pray that Christians will turn out in large numbers to vote their biblical values in this significant race (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- ◆ Father of Light, we pray that the truth, character, and motives of each candidate will be clearly evident. We ask that truthful information gets out to the public and that the candidates will receive fair media coverage. We decree that the light of truth is driving out deception and darkness (Psalm 18:28).
- ◆ We ask that the light of Your favor and grace shine upon Your appointee (Psalm 5:12). We will trust You,

Almighty Lord, to reveal Your favored one and cause him or her to prevail (Psalm 20:7).

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we declare in Jesus' Name that You will give to Arizona a U.S. Senator that stands for LIFE of the UNBORN. We declare that this is Your will, here on Earth as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:10).

# Supreme Court Seat Vacancy

*“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns (nation) that the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.”*  
(Deuteronomy 16:18, NASB)

On September 26, 2020, as more than 100,000 Christians gathered in Washington, DC and in cities across the nation to repent and pray for America, that same evening, President Donald Trump announced Judge Amy Coney Barrett as his nominee to replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ginsburg, who died on September 18, 2020, at age 87 after 27 years of distinguished service, was considered a “trail-blazer” for women’s equality. President Trump vowed to replace her with another woman on the high court.

The President’s nominee, Amy Coney Barrett, is an American lawyer and academic scholar serving as a circuit judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. After graduating first in her class from the University of Notre Dame’s law school, she worked as a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia before returning to her alma mater as a law professor.

She is deeply religious, unashamedly pro-life, and is self-described as a U.S. Constitutional “originalist,” committed to holding laws accountable to the text of the U.S. Constitution.

She is the mother of seven children, including two adopted from Haiti and one with special needs. Barrett lives in South Bend, Indiana, with her husband, Jesse, a former federal prosecutor, who is now with a private firm. If confirmed, Barrett, at 48 years old, would be the youngest justice currently on the Supreme Court and the fifth woman ever to serve.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold confirmation hearings the week of October 12. Questions during the hearings are expected to center around Barrett’s devout Catholic faith and her belief that life begins at conception, among other topics such as health care and immigration.

The importance of filling this vacancy with the right person cannot be overstated because of the crucial decisions that will come before this Supreme Court:

- ◆ Protecting the life of the unborn . . . (62 million babies have been killed since 1973)
- ◆ The nature of marriage and family as God designed
- ◆ The preservation of religious freedom, including speech and peaceful assembly
- ◆ Interpreting law after the original intent of our nation’s founding fathers
- ◆ Preserving the integrity of the nation’s Constitution

## Let's Pray:

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we pray that Your presence will permeate the Senate hearings of Amy Coney Barrett.
- ◆ Father God, we ask You to give wisdom and favor to the Senate Judiciary Committee and its chairman, Senator Lindsay Graham, as they participate in and conduct the hearings. We ask You to supernaturally release peace, respect, and unity in the heart of every Committee member (Mark 4:39).
- ◆ We cry out to You for a fair and thorough vetting process, that the questioning will be conducted with thoughtfulness, respect and civility. We ask You to protect Judge Barrett and that her faith will not be attacked as it was during her confirmation for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (Psalm 91).
- ◆ Lord, we declare Your Word that there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be made known (Luke 12:2). We ask You to reveal Judge Barrett's character, qualifications, and motives for all to see and appreciate.
- ◆ We ask that You would protect Amy Barrett and her family from any undue scrutiny, defamation, and lies, and that their family relationships would not be damaged by the propagation of any untruths (Psalm 91).
- ◆ You, Lord, all wise and all-knowing God, we ask You to align our prayers with Your will as we call out to

You on behalf of the next Supreme Court justice. We ask You to guide the decision of every senator in casting their votes, to the end that we will have a pro-life and pro-family judge confirmed to the Supreme Court. We pray that only the one You have set aside will sit on the Supreme Court now, and only those You have appointed in the future, as well (Isaiah 22:22; Jeremiah 1:5 ).

# The Presidential and Congressional Races

*“Indeed, for this purpose I have raised you up,  
that I may show My power in you,  
and that My name may be declared in all the earth.”  
(Exodus 9:16, NIV)*

## The President

Colliding forces are shaking the closing days of an already chaotic presidential campaign. President Trump’s recent hospitalization with COVID-19 has added further complexity to a campaign already plagued by the worst public health crisis in a century. Riots and civil unrest scourge our nation’s landscape. The unexpected announcement of a new Supreme Court justice nominee will only further intensify the tension leading up to Election Day.

This year’s presidential election is indeed the most divisive and consequential in our lifetime. The very destiny of our nation revolves around the outcome of this election. The decisions voters make in November will resound for generations to come. This presidential contest represents the starkest choice between two competing visions for this nation’s future since

the elections of 1860 which set the Union on course for a civil war.

The President who takes the oath of office in January 2021 will have the opportunity to reshape the U.S. Supreme Court—and with it, the destiny of our Founding Fathers’ dream for the Constitutional Republic.

## The Congress

Voters in 34 states will elect U.S. Senators this year. These senators will determine the next Supreme Court justices—and the federal judges who serve on lower courts.

In the House of Representatives, 25 percent of the congressional seats are on the ballot in this election. This race is proving to be an intense battle such as we’ve not seen before.

We thank God for those He has called to political office. We know that those who serve in these esteemed positions do so at great sacrifice. Public service and campaigning are exhausting in the best of times, and attacks against candidates and their families are vicious and relentless. To do their job well, they need to have God’s call and His courage upon their lives, along with our prayers and encouragement.

## Let’s Pray:

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we hold before You our President and First Lady, who are recovering from COVID-19. We ask for Your Spirit to rise in them with healing and strength.

- ◆ Father God, give Donald Trump a personal encounter with You, so he will serve as Your mouthpiece in the time You have given him as President of the United States. Help him to guide our nation with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- ◆ We pray for both Donald Trump and Joe Biden, and their families and friends who stand with them. We ask that You will protect, strengthen, and encourage them.
- ◆ Lord God, we ask You to provide special protection around the families of the presidential and congressional candidates. Safeguard them from all sickness, any developing bitterness and resentment, and protect them from discouragement and all the assaults of the enemy. We ask that You use the pressures they face to draw them closer to You.
- ◆ We ask You, Lord, to examine the hearts and motives of the presidential and congressional candidates, and clearly bring to light what each candidate stands for and the direction in which he or she will lead the nation. Give each candidate the strength to choose what is right, and to run their campaigns with integrity. We pray each candidate will focus on the issues we face as a nation, and restrain from exaggeration, lies, and personal attacks on each other.
- ◆ Father God, for those candidates who claim faith in Jesus Christ, we pray they will not lose sight of what's

most important to You. Keep their hearts focused on You as they seek to serve our country. Empower them to walk in Your ways, and give them courage to stand for righteousness, even when it is not popular.

- ◆ And, Father God, for those candidates who do not publicly follow Christ, we ask that You inspire them to seek wise counsel and encourage them to make good decisions. Place godly counsel around them, ones they will respect and listen to and, most importantly, bring them to faith in Jesus Christ.
- ◆ We ask You, Almighty God, to be merciful to us and give this nation leaders who fear and serve You above all (Exodus 18:21).

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