

### Prayer Guide for our Elections: Seeking God's Wisdom and Peace

As we approach the election season, it's essential to come together in prayer, seeking God's guidance, wisdom, and peace for our nation. This guide is designed to help you pray in a way that is encouraging and celebrates the democratic process.

#### 1. Pray for wisdom and discernment for voters.

### Scripture for reflection:

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

**Prayer prompt:** Holy God, we ask for your wisdom and discernment for all voters as they consider the candidates and issues in this election. Help us seek truth and make decisions that align with your purposes. May we be guided by love for our neighbors and a desire for justice and righteousness.

## 2. Pray for peaceful and fair elections.

## Scripture for reflection:

1 Timothy 2:1-2 - 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.

**Prayer prompt:** Lord of peace, we lift up the election process to you, asking that it be conducted fairly, honestly, and without violence. May all those involved—candidates, election workers, and voters—act with integrity and respect. We pray for your peace to reign over our nation during this time.

## 3. Pray for unity and healing in our nation.

## Scripture for reflection:

Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.



**Prayer prompt:** Gracious God, we pray for unity in our nation, especially during and after the election. May we be a people who seek to understand and love one another, even in the midst of differing opinions. Heal any divisions that arise, and help us work together for the common good.

#### 4. Pray for leaders to serve with integrity and compassion.

### Scripture for reflection:

Micah 6:8 - And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**Prayer prompt:** Compassionate God, we pray for those who are elected to serve. May they be leaders of integrity, compassion, and humility. Give them the wisdom to govern justly and the courage to stand up for what is right. May they be guided by a desire to serve all people, especially the vulnerable and marginalized.

#### 5. Pray for trust in God.

## Scripture for reflection:

Romans 8:28 - We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to God's purpose.

**Prayer prompt:** Powerful God, as we participate in the democratic process, help us to trust in you. No matter the outcome of this election, we rest in the assurance that you are working all things together for good. Strengthen our faith and keep our eyes fixed on you.

# Closing prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the privilege of living in a democracy where we can participate in the election process. As we cast our votes and await the results, we pray for your purposes to be accomplished in our nation. May your peace, justice, and love be evident in all we do. Amen.

This guide is meant to inspire and encourage you as you pray for the elections. Remember, our hope is not in a political party or candidate but in God. May God's kingdom come and God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.