
A PRAYER FOR THIS ELECTION SEASON

SEEKING GOD'S WILL

*Politics in America has become an arena fraught with contention and strife. As Christians, we can feel helpless, overlooked or embattled about the issues which face our country and the leaders who are in charge. But our **GOD** is unchanging in the midst of what may feel chaotic to us. In response to our political situation, we invite you to a time of prayer.*

*Find a quiet place where you will not be disturbed or distracted by other people or other matters. Using **THE LORD'S PRAYER**, as a guide, pause with each phrase to let the words penetrate your mind and heart. The prompts after each line will help you seek God's will for your heart and for our nation in this political season.*



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Our Father in heaven...

- » *God, this is not my prayer alone. I pray with and for my brothers and sisters in Christ who live in the United States.*
- » *Remind our hearts of your true character: our good Father who is above all and over all.*

Hallowed be your name.

- » *Renew our reverence for your name. Help us to understand, at this time, if we are promoting a particular name over yours.*
- » *God, we pray that in and through this election season, your name may be honored and glorified above all.*

Your kingdom come.

- » *God, we acknowledge that our primary citizenship is in your kingdom.*
- » *Help us to recognize when the values of our political system oppose the authority that you call us to live by.*
- » *God, may your kingdom values be upheld in the hearts of your people and may your kingdom be lived out through the spiritual and political leaders present in our country and beyond.*

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- » *Help us, God, to desire your will over our own desires, our political agendas and over the will of our American society. Humble our hearts.*
- » *God, we ask for your will to be done in the coming election, and that the leaders of our country will discern, seek and surrender to your will in all things.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

- » *We confess where we have tried to meet our needs in our own strength or by depending on the political system in our country.*
- » *God, we seek to depend on you for our needs. Meet our needs, the needs of our leaders and the needs of our nation in your wisdom and provision.*

And forgive us our debts...

- » *We confess where we have erred and sinned against others and against you.*
- » *In Christ's name, God, have mercy on us and forgive us for what we can never repay.*

...as we also have forgiven our debtors.

- » *We confess any instance where we are holding people who have sinned against us in our debt, particularly any person in our political system.*
- » *God, help us to forgive and release others from any obligation to us, through Christ's atoning work.*

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

- » *Help us to recognize where our hearts, our society and our political system tempts us to act against your values and kingdom.*
- » *In your great power, please deliver us and our nation from forces that war against your will and are too great for us.*

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

- » *God, may we and our leaders remember and trust in your sovereign rule and your supreme power.*
- » *May you be glorified in this election season and may we rest in the knowledge that you are God for all time.*

Amen.

- » *God, with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we stand together as your people.*
- » *We ask that you would answer our prayers in your wisdom and love.*