



Prayers for America

Resources for a time of prayer as America votes
from the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Evangelism Team

Before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of unborn children and those abandoned and for men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Election Day

Dear God, we ask today that you give us the eyes of wisdom to see truth from falsehood, to see right from wrong, to see beyond ourselves and what is good for the individual, but to see what is good for our country and its people. Amen.

Heavenly Father we ask that you will have mercy on America today and bless us in spite of ourselves. We ask that you will give wisdom to all who go to the polls to cast their votes. Help us as we make difficult decisions on a variety of issues and as we seek to elect men and women who will hunger for righteousness and seek the common good to positions of authority in our towns and cities, in our states and in our nation. We pray against any voter fraud or any corruption of proper voter access and ask that justice be done in each and every election, whatever the locale. We also pray for peace and grace with one another as the results are received and digested, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns in glory everlasting, Amen.

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Prayer Starters

- ◆ For the church, to be a witness to Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace throughout the world.
- ◆ For the people of the United States, to be united in building a society in which everyone can have the opportunity to live with dignity and hope.
- ◆ For Christians throughout this nation, that the values of their faith guide them as they exercise their responsibility as voters.
- ◆ For all citizens of the United States, that participation in the election may lead to a world of greater respect for life and commitment to justice and peace.
- ◆ For those who are suffering from poverty and injustice, that people's decisions this election year leads to policies and programs that help them live in dignity.
- ◆ For those who serve in elected office, that they lead with courage and wisdom to work for the common good of the country and all its people.
- ◆ For the earth, that America's leaders will be inspired by God's Spirit to protect all of His creation.
- ◆ For leaders around world, that they might find ways to bring an end to war and violence, and promote peace and development for all nations.

After an Election

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement.

Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers by Cardinal Adam Maida

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless the public servants in the government of this (state/providence/county/city) _____, that they may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity and justice. Help them to use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Words to Remember...

"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

- 1) To vote without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy
- 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against
- 3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those who voted on the other side."

Theologian John Wesley, 1774

