

A Prayer for Our Nation

Pre-Election Prayer Guide



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

As our deeply divided nation faces an election, we want to take it to the Lord in prayer. Christians are in the world but not of the world. We seek to do good in the world, but know that the best is yet to come. We are called to honor the authorities, but we recognize Jesus as the highest authority. We are to fully participate as American citizens, “but our citizenship is in heaven.” (Philippians 3:20) We pray for God’s guidance and grace for our nation while also trusting that He will work good in all things for those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Psalms to pray: Psalm 2, Psalm 16, Psalm 46, Psalm 146

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear.*

*What a privilege to carry,
everything to God in prayer
(LSB 770)*

Read Philippians 4:4-9

Prayer Petitions

- For faith and trust in Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords
- For forgiveness for anger, resentment, harsh words, pride, hatred, gossip, impatience, animosity, fear over this election
- For humble and contrite hearts, and a desire to “seek peace, and pursue it” (Psalm 34:14)
- For wisdom and discernment for our nation in this election
- For safety of the candidates and all officials
- For the election officials and volunteers
- For unity and common ground with our fellow Americans
- For acceptance of the outcome without vengeance or violence
- For wise solutions to our country’s problems

*O God our Help in ages past, our
Hope for years to come, our
shelter from the stormy blast, and
our eternal home. (LSB 733)*

Read Psalm 46

Prayer Petitions

- For trust in God’s plan as His-story unfolds and He works through all things to bring about His glory and goodness
- For families and support networks to help people through difficult times
- For healthy relationships in our homes, schools, and workplaces
- For spiritual renewal and a revival of faith in our land
- For Christians to give a faithful and loving witness
- For all those oppressed, marginalized, poor, abandoned, neglected, and disenfranchised
- For the dignity and value of the image of God to be seen in every man, women, and child, born and unborn
- For justice and compassion to be hallmarks of our society

*God bless our native land; firm
may she ever stand through storm
and might. When the wild
tempest rave, Ruler of wind and
wave, do Thou our country save,
by Thy great might! (LSB 965)*

Read Romans 13:1-10

Prayer Petitions

- For God’s help in honoring the authorities, even when we disagree with them and their decisions
- For courage and discernment for when we need to honor God rather than go with the crowd or obey the authorities (Acts 5:29)
- For our current president, congress, governor, state and local officials, that they would govern with justice and integrity
- For those who are elected, that they might humble themselves before God and seek the good of the nation
- For peace among the nations
- For the armed forces, police, and emergency workers who serve in harm’s way to keep us safe
- For God’s will to be done