

WHY WE MUST PRAY

Prayer is central to the **Christian life**. As you'll read in this resource, prayer also played an important role in the founding of America and its subsequent success.

Today is no different. The most important thing we can do as believers is to get on our knees, pray, and ask God for His will to be accomplished in all things.

Faith only appears in the Greek New Testament as a verb. So, it would only make sense that our faith requires action. And there is nothing more effective a Christian can do than pray.

But it's vital our prayers lead to action. And the most important decision you can make to champion your faith in the public square is to follow through on the right and responsibility of all Christians to vote as God directs them.

We're not advocating for a particular political party or platform. But we are asking Churches and Christians everywhere to seek God, do good, and go vote.

Together, we pray. And together, we vote.

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ELECTION PRAYER GUIDE

Election Day • United. We Stand.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AS WE PREPARE TO ELECT OUR LEADERS

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments. We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you.

We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law. We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you requires that they be politically active. Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; that the same eyes that read your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth.

Awaken your people to a commitment to justice, to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer by Rev. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life



PRO-LIFE PRAYER GUIDE

Pro-Life • United. We Stand.

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Nine Ways to Pray unceasingly for a culture of life

Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long...
- Deuteronomy 30:19-20

1 **Pray for cultural rethinking.**
Pray that millions of unchurched people might see right and wrong as real and objective. Pray that realization points them toward the Moral Law-Giver who alone offers salvation. Abortion is seen as morally complex, but it's not. The protection of the pre-born is key. Pray that voters, friends, and family members are not distracted by side issues that miss the point entirely. Pray that abortion not only becomes illegal, but it becomes unthinkable. See verses Psalm 139:13-16, Mark 3:25; Matthew 22:37-3

Pray for those who have had an abortion.
There are millions of women and men who need to trust in the saving work of Christ as their only hope. Pray that they find Him. Pray for those who have courageously confessed their past sin of abortion, that they will know God's peace and experience forgiveness and freedom. Pray for those who have not yet confessed their past sin of abortion, that God's grace will draw them to repentance. See verses 1 John 1:9; Romans 3:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Isaiah 55:6-7

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3 **Pray for a spiritual and moral awakening.**
Pray that God opens eyes to the moral truth about abortion. Pray for those who are blinded to see clearly that they don't need religion, they need the Savior. Millions of Americans have accepted abortion without thinking about it. Pray for opportunities to persuasively challenge that mindset with thought provoking questions and biblical truth. Pray that the world will see abortion for what it is. We've been handed an opportunity to shine the light on darkness, pray for the courage to boldly stand for life. See verses 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 85; Acts 26:15-1

Pray for the Church.
Pray for pastors and clergy to be bold and preach about the crisis of abortion. Pray that churches would be better equipped to counsel and bring gospel-centered support to those seeking an abortion and to those who are post-abortive in need of healing. Over 60% of women who seek an abortion identify as church-goers. Pray for those in the church to rise up to show love, support, care and compassion to women in crisis. See verses 2 Peter 1:3-9; Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:10-18

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Pray for the abortion workers.

Pray for the doctors, nurses and staff who work in abortion clinics. Pray for their eyes to be opened and hearts to be softened to the reality of their work. Pray for God to send an effective witness into their path, to share truth and grace. Pray for their salvation, as it is for ALL who will place their faith in Jesus Christ, for everyone who believes no matter our past. *See verses Ephesians 5:8-15; Romans 5:8; Ezekiel 36:26*

Pray for our elected officials.

Pray for the men and women who have been elected to serve the American people at all levels, by governing and creating laws to uphold the constitution and provide life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all. Pray that our leaders will love and practice justice and mercy, speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves and rescuing the unborn who are unjustly sentenced to die. Pray that they would reject all counsel that violates Christian principles and that they would trust God for wisdom. Pray for strength for our leaders, to stand up and reverse the culture of death in this nation. Pray that our leaders are ready to forsake personal ambition and political causes that will not benefit our nation, states, or cities. Pray for restored dignity, honor, trust-worthiness and righteousness to the offices of our government. *See verses 1 Timothy 2:1-5,8; Psalm 25:21; Proverbs 14:3*

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Pray for an army of workers.

Pray for all of those who work tirelessly in all areas of the pro-life movement to have courage, wisdom, influence and opportunity. Pray for God to raise up an army of more workers who are not afraid to stand for life and be a voice for the pre-born. Pray for unity, that the world will know that we are sent by Christ. Let our love for one another prove that we are disciples of Christ. We bind all division and dissension among us right now. Pray for protection from the enemy who seeks to kill, steal and destroy. *See verses Matthew 9:37-38; James 2:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:5*

Pray for those in pregnancy crisis.

Pray they will choose life for their children and not abortion. Pray that boyfriends, husbands, friends, and family members of the women will hear God's truth and aid in saving the lives of the pre-born. Pray they will find help from churches, family, friends, pregnancy help centers and other pro-life agencies so that they are not alone in the decision they are making. Pray that any desperation they experience will cause them to turn to God and find hope and strength in Him for all things. Pray for a change of perspective, that they would have the love necessary to put the child before themselves, their own convenience, desires, and plans. Pray for an understanding given by the Holy Spirit of the dignity of that child. And pray for their confidence to grow in the Lord, that they would not be fearful of the future. *See verses Psalm 127:3-4; Mark 9:37; Matthew 18:1*

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Pray for the pre-born.

We mourn the loss of over 60 million lives in the US since Roe v. Wade. We trust that these victims of society's callous policy of expediency are now safe in the loving arms of Jesus. We find comfort in God's love and compassion and our knowledge that Jesus loves the little children. We pray for the pre-born, especially those diagnosed with Down Syndrome or other medical conditions in the womb, that God would supernaturally protect them. *See verses Exodus 23:7; Proverbs 6:16-19; Genesis 1:27*



FAMILIES & MARRIAGES

PRAYER GUIDE

Strong Families and Marriages • United. We Stand.

Pray for Strong Families and Marriages

Persevering prayer is critical for marriages and families worldwide. The enemy is working to destroy marriages because solid marriages are the foundations of strong families. When families fall, society falls. As His church, may we pray for biblical marriages to be held in high regard, for unity in families, and for God's word to be honored and obeyed.

Pray and thank God for the blessing of marriage and families. *Dear Lord, thank you that marriage was conceived in Your heart and defined by You. Help us to remember that biblical marriage is not only a gift but a picture of Christ's relationship with the church. May we represent the Gospel well by loving our spouse well. Thank you for family and we pray that every member would come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.*

Pray for unity. *Dear Lord Help us to love You more every day so we can, in turn, love each other more. As conflict arises, keep us unified as a family and grounded in your word.*

Pray for protection. *Thank You, Lord, for being our Shelter and our Shield. We will not fear because You are with us and for us. You surround us so that no weapon formed against us will succeed.*

Pray for communication. *Dear Lord, Give us the grace to be slow to speak and quick to listen. Remove any bitterness and resentment from our mouths. Please help us to assume the best in each other and only speak words that build up and not tear down.*

Pray for forgiveness. *Dear Lord, Please help our family to be quick to forgive when we get hurt. We pray You would give us open communication and that love would run deeper than offense in our relationships.*

Pray for the children. *Father, May our children listen to Your voice and obey Your teaching. Protect them and keep them close to You. May they never take part in evil but rather expose it.*

Pray for Godly priorities. *Dear Lord, May we always seek You first in all we do. Please barricade the road that goes nowhere, and let us not be distracted by lesser things.*

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church." (Ephesians 5:31-32)

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." (Psalm 127:3)

"Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11)

"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one." (John 17:15)

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (Colossians 4:6)

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." (Mark 11:25)

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)



INTEGRITY PRAYER GUIDE

Election Integrity • United. We Stand.

Seven Ways to Pray for Election Integrity

The right to vote in a free and fair election is the most basic civil liberties, one on which many of the other rights of the American people depend. A representative government is a good thing and Americans want to ensure that all eligible citizens have access to the voting process. But there must be a guarantee that those votes are not diluted or stolen by unsecured elections. One of the most powerful things we can do is to pray for our elections, asking God to protect America's elections and deliver trustworthy results.

1. Pray for the electoral process to be fair, impartial, and free of manipulation.

God established government and delegates this authority to mankind to accomplish His will on earth. Scripture says, "For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations" (Psalm 22:28).

See verses: Proverbs 28:2; 2 Corinthians 8:21

2. Pray for the integrity of election officials.

Pray that those involved in the electoral process would not be drawn into evil or take part in evil deeds. Pray that integrity and uprightness would guide those overseeing the elections, that they would follow election laws, and that any officials who are unfaithful would be exposed for their duplicity. Scripture says, "The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them" (Proverbs 11:3).

See verses: Psalm 141:4; Isaiah 33:15-16; James 4:17

3. Pray for transparency and pray against corruption.

Pray that God will move against any force that would seek to create chaos and unrest in our elections, from the local to the state to the federal level. Scripture says, "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).

See verses: Ecclesiastes 3:17; Proverbs 10:9; Ephesians 4:25

4. Pray for accuracy when the votes are counted.

Pray for the mechanics of the vote to be carried out in fairness and without hindrance or unnecessary drama. "Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight" (Proverbs 11:1).

See verses: Amos 5:24; Proverbs 21:3

5. Pray for the media to be truthful and honest in their reporting.

Pray that God would give believers discernment as they watch the news and help them to be guided by His Spirit. Pray that the news media will not use fear tactics or exaggerations in their reporting to gain better ratings or increase their profits. Pray that broadcasters will use their influence with pure motives and not for selfish gain. Pray that all corruption and falsehood would be replaced with the truth and authenticity of Christ. Scripture says, "He who speaks truth declares righteousness, but a false witness, deceit" (Proverbs 12:17).

See verses: Proverbs 4:24; 1 Peter 2:1; Proverbs 16:11

6. Pray for an active and engaged electorate.

Pray against apathy and indifference, and instead, pray for Christians to put their faith into action, including in the voting booth. When you vote, seek God's will for your vote. The primary pursuit in any election is to seek the face of God in prayer. Scripture says, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

See verses: Luke 16:10; Philippians 1:9-11; James 4:17; 2 Corinthians 9:6

7. Pray for continued liberty and freedom in the United States.

Pray that we, as Americans, do not forget that the freedoms and liberties we experience are gifts from God that can be lost if we turn our backs on Him. Pray that God will intervene in America's national and local governments in ways that continue to promote individual freedoms. Pray that more devoted, righteous people will seek and be elected to public office, thus helping provide a moral compass for their communities and our nation, for where there is no vision, the people perish. Scripture says, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).

See verses: Proverbs 28:18; 1 Peter 2:13-17



JUSTICE SYSTEMS PRAYER GUIDE

Justice Systems • United. We Stand.

Pray for the American Justice Systems

Standards for justice were established by the author and definer of the entire universe—**God**.

- **Pray** for integrity. Pray that our judges would uphold the law without partiality.
- **Pray** for wisdom. Pray that judges would not be swayed by persuasive arguments but look to the laws of our country in dispensing justice.
- **Pray** for guidance. Pray that God would have His hand upon our nation's judges, particularly those who profess His name.
- **Pray** for God's hand in the appointment process. Pray that God would move judges who are born-again believers into positions of power.
- **Pray** that those judges who have an unconstitutional view of their role would not be confirmed.
- **Pray** for God's conviction upon the hearts of judges throughout our nation.
- **Pray** for wisdom for legislators at the federal and state levels as they vote on whether to confirm appointed judges.

*"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you."
Psalm 89:14 (ESV)*

*"Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."
Zechariah 7:9-10 (ESV)*

*"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"
Micah 6:8 (ESV)*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
Philippians 4:6 (ESV)*

Today, we see everything that has to do with life and godliness being arbitrated through the court systems.



GOVERNMENT PRAYER GUIDE

Government Officials • United. We Stand.

PRAY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BY NAME

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus...I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. (1 Timothy 2:1-5; 8)

1. Pray they would know Jesus and walk with Him.

Lord, we lift up to you each one of our elected officials and appointed officials. We ask for the Holy Spirit to move upon the hearts of every person serving in our government who doesn't have a personal relationship with you, that they would come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. And we also lift up to you all those who know you Lord, and we pray they would walk with you daily as they govern our nation.

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy" (Colossians 1:9-11).

"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

2. Pray their families would be strengthened.

Heavenly Father, we lift up to you every government representative and his or her family. We pray for protection against any division or strife that might seek to divide families as government leaders spend time away from their homes to serve in Washington D.C. We pray for marriages to be strengthened and children to be raised in your truth. We pray for your blessing on their lives.

"But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts" (Psalm 103:17-18).

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:14-19).

3. Pray they would operate under God's wisdom.

Almighty God, we pray every leader in Washington D.C. would come to know the true wisdom that comes only from you. Every good and perfect gift we know is from above. We ask for the hearts of government leaders to be humbled, that they would fear you Lord above all and seek you in prayer and in scripture to know how to handle the important issues of our day. We thank you for the good gift of human government, for those you have sent to punish evildoers and to commend those who do good.

"Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling" (Psalm 2:10-11).

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you" (James 1:5). "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers" (Proverbs 11:14).