



## PRAYER GUIDE NOVEMBER 2019

In the month of November 2019 over 48,000 elections will take place across the United States. The majority of these elections will be local – elections for county and city leaders, school boards, and judges. As we enter into these elections, let us not abdicate our opportunity and responsibility to vote, and let us not minimize the power of our greatest weapon – prayer. Our prayers, our votes, and our active faith will transform our communities.

Join us in praying for elections, for leaders and for your communities during the month of November.

### **1 Timothy 2:1-4**

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

### **Galatians 6:9-10**

*“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*

## OUR STRONGEST WEAPON

The apostle Paul spoke of the various weapons we have from God that remove or cast down satanic fortresses. He wrote, “We are human, but we don’t wage war with human plans and methods. We use God’s mighty weapons...to knock down the Devil’s strongholds. With these weapons we break down every proud argument that keeps people from knowing God. With these weapons we conquer their rebellious ideas, and we teach them to obey Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NLT).

Paul doesn’t specifically name each of these weapons because he knew the Corinthian believers were well aware of them. Fasting was a vital part of Jewish culture and tradition. And there is little doubt that the Corinthian Christians knew that fasting was a powerful weapon, one that added special authority to their spiritual warfare. On this very theme, Derek Prince once said, “On the basis of the record of the whole Bible, I would say that prayer and fasting combined constitute the strongest single weapon that has been committed to God’s believing people.”

Intercession is the denial of self in prayer so that our praying can be focused on others. Let us recognize and remember that intercession is “others centered” prayer.

## USING THIS GUIDE

The following sections will focus your prayers for your community and for our nation. Read and pray the scripture verses; use the notes to expand your prayers; and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in the process.

### 1. Elections (state, county, school board, judges, etc)

#### ***Jeremiah 29:7***

*“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”*

Pray for followers of Christ to act on their faith and vote in this month’s elections as they have opportunity. Pray for your community to be blessed by who is elected. As election results come in, pray for the elected by name, and pray for them to be filled with God’s wisdom to make decisions that are good in the eyes of God. Pray for the families of those who are elected as they, too, sacrifice in public service.

## 2. The Church (Religion)

### **John 17:21**

*“I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one – as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”*

### **Matthew 16:18-19 ESV**

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

Pray for the Holy Spirit’s anointing on all churches who follow Jesus, no matter their denomination, that we would be unified. Pray for ministries involved in evangelism and discipleship including missionary activity. Pray for all faiths and religions, that they will see the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that Christians will be bold in their witness.

## 3. Family and Marriages (Youth, Children, Marriages, etc.)

### **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

*“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”*

### **Ephesians 5:25-30**

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body.”*

Pray for families in general, and particularly the healing of broken relationships in marriages and families, especially among believers and those in Christian ministry. Pray for the sanctity of marriage. Pray for fathers to be committed to their wives and to their

children. Pray against cultural influences that diminish the value of marriage and family.

#### 4. Education (*All Schools, Universities, Colleges, and Educators*)

##### **Proverbs 1:5-9**

*“Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.”*

This focus involves all institutions of education, whether for the very young, when children are so easily influenced, or those studying at higher levels. Pray for teachers and educators. Pray for those you know by name. Add them to your daily prayer lists for each day. Pray also for the content of textbooks so they will reflect biblical values. Ask God to send a revival to all campuses.

#### 5. Government (*Local and National*)

##### **Romans 13:1**

*“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”*

##### **Isaiah 3:21**

*“Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice.”*

Pray for heads of your local, state, and national government, that their service will be bathed in wisdom, established in righteousness and justice. Remember to intercede for the judiciary (judges) of the nation and in your community. Include the military and law enforcement as well as other service officials, such as firefighters and civil servants.

#### 6. Sanctity and Flourishing of Life (*every human from birth to death*)

##### **Matthew 25:31-46**

*“The King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’”*

##### **Psalms 82:4**

*“Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”*

### **Regarding the Life of the Unborn:**

Pray today for the unborn children of in your community. Pray for their protection in a society that debates their humanity. Children are a blessing from the Lord and something He has fashioned very purposefully. Pray that they will be treasured and seen as gifts. Pray for mothers who face the overwhelming prospect of an unplanned pregnancy. Pray that God will give them courage and provide them with supportive communities that will love and guide them through a trying season. Pray for children born to parents unable to care for them, that God will place them into loving homes where they will be nurtured and taught the love of Jesus. Pray also for those who work in the abortion industry, that God will open their eyes to the reality of what they are doing and convict their hearts to do it no longer. Pray for those mothers who have already undergone an abortion that, rather than shame and condemnation, they will come know the forgiveness and grace of Jesus. And finally, pray for the people of the United States to see clearly that all life is a sacred gift worthy of our protection and love.

### **For All Lives**

Pray for care of every child in adoption and foster care, that they would be given the opportunity to know Jesus. Pray for families to rise up who will love and nurture them. Pray for those in prison, homeless or disabled. Pray for them to courageously overcome the challenges they face, and pray for God's gracious mercy to be made clear. Pray for the sick and hospitalized in your church, that God's healing power will be seen.