

# THE IMPEACHMENT PROCESS & A CHRISTIAN'S CALL TO PRAYER



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats in the House initiated a formal impeachment inquiry against President Trump on September 24, 2019.

While the political and partisan noise is rising to an all-time high, all Americans need to understand the impeachment process, and Christians must faithfully pray for our nation during this time.

# WHAT IS IMPEACHMENT AND WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

Our Founding Fathers granted Congress the power of impeachment as a key part of our system of checks and balances—in this case the legislative branch (Congress) checking the executive (the president).

**Impeachment is the first step in removing an officer from office.**

## According to Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution:

*“The President, Vice President and all Civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.”*



### The House Conducts the Impeachment Process

- 1** The Speaker of the House issues a formal impeachment inquiry.
- 2** A House committee is tasked with determining if the president has committed “treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.”
- 3** The committee writes the charges called “articles of impeachment.”
- 4** The committee votes in favor of the articles of impeachment, if a majority is obtained, the articles of impeachment go to the floor of the House for a vote.
- 5** The House votes on the articles of impeachment where a simple majority is needed.

The **House of Representatives votes on impeachment**, and the **Senate conducts a trial** to either acquit or convict and remove the president from office.

# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Speaker Pelosi has assigned the committees of Oversight, Intelligence, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Foreign Services and Judiciary to investigate the President under the impeachment inquiry. Congressman Adam Schiff, Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, is leading the investigation.

**If the House votes to impeach, the process moves to the Senate.**



**The Senate  
Conducts  
the Trial  
to Remove  
from Office**

- 1** The U.S. Senate is tasked with conducting the trial and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court oversees the proceedings.
- 2** House lawmakers present their case in front of the Senate.
- 3** The Senate deliberates behind closed doors.
- 4** The Senate takes a vote for removal requiring a two-thirds majority.
- 5** If a two-thirds majority is obtained, the president is removed from office, if a majority is not obtained, the president has been impeached but not removed from office.

# A CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSE IN PRAYER

It's tempting to want to shove this issue aside and chalk it all up to partisan politics. However, now that a formal impeachment inquiry has launched, Christians must be informed and committed to faithfully praying for our nation during this process (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

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## **PRAY FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE TO PREVAIL**

Pray for our Constitution to be upheld and followed throughout the inquiry of the impeachment process. Pray for any hidden information or political motives by either political party to be exposed, and for the truth to be seen and heard. Pray the truths found in scripture regarding justice over the impeachment process (Leviticus 19:15, Deuteronomy 16:19, Proverbs 21:15, 1 Corinthians 4:5).

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## **PRAY FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES**

Pray for our elected representatives in the House and the Senate, that they would pursue the Lord for His wisdom in the midst of political uncertainty and investigations. Pray that they would serve the Lord in fear and humility, seek out the truth, and be honest and fair in their investigation (Psalms 2:10-11, Proverbs 11:14, Proverbs 12:22, Proverbs 21:3, James 1:5).

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## **PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT**

Pray for President Trump and his family, that no division or strife would come between them as political foes raise accusations. Pray for the President's attorneys to represent him fairly, truthfully, and winsomely. Pray any falsehoods brought against the President would dissipate, and any truths be revealed. Pray that President Trump would humble himself and draw near to the Lord during this process (Proverbs 21:1, Romans 13:1, 1 Peter 2:17).

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## **PRAY FOR NATIONAL UNITY**

Pray for peace in our nation despite the growing political divide. Pray for a strengthening of our nation and that Americans unite around America's founding values. Pray against the spirit of division that seeks to take root in the hearts of Americans throughout this impeachment process. Pray for unity among families, neighbors, co-workers, and all Americans (Romans 12:16, 1 Peter 3:8, 1 John 4:12).

**We urge you to pray these prayers faithfully for our nation (2 Chronicles 7:14). When you do, you are joining with other Christians across the country in prayer. Our prayers are powerful.**

Together, let us remain faithful to what God calls us to in Jeremiah 19:7 and bring the solution of our faith into the public square for the sake of our communities and our nation.

"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."