

Praying for Midterms

An IFA Prayer Guide for the 2018 Midterm Elections

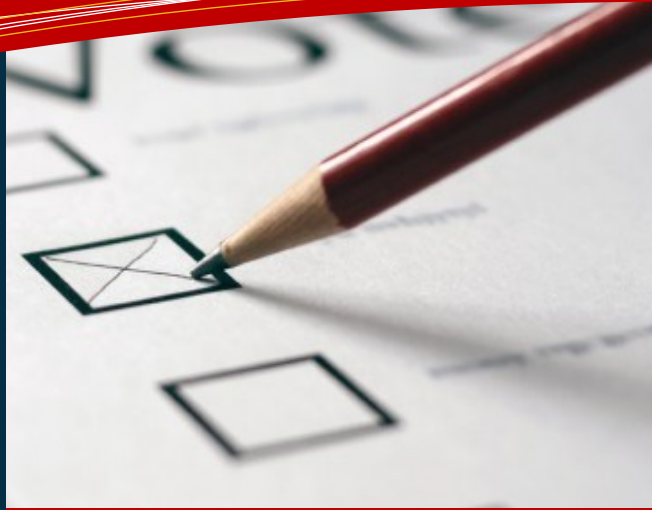


Campaign with prayer.

Join **Intercessors for America** in praying for the midterm elections in our nation—for candidates on all sides, for the donors and directors, the mobilizers and the movers. Pray for integrity and transparency in the election process. Pray for godly candidates to run for office and that they would be well-funded. ***Ask for direction from God on how you can be a part of the civic process.***

We've listed **key races for House, Senate, and State Governors** where retirements, weak incumbents, or the particular candidates warrant critical intercession. These key races may affect the balance of power in Congress and the face of leadership in key states. Please join us in praying for these highlighted districts—even if you don't live there.

Overall, pray that God would be honored in our elections and that Christians would not only pray, but also participate in elections.



Who's donating?

Who's mobilizing voters?

Why primaries matter.

How can we pray?

A better candidate starts in the primaries—and with prayer.

“Hold your nose and vote.” “Vote for the lesser of the two evils.” You’ve heard them both when neither of the candidates running for office are worthy of your vote. How can we see better candidates on our November ballots—whether for school board or for Senator? **The answer is prayer.** Pray before the ads appear on media and signs appear in yards. The primaries are the first public voter-vetting process for determining the slate for elections. Doesn't it make sense for prayer—and civic action—to begin **before** the primary stage? For many states that primary process is now complete and the focus is squarely on the midterm elections. No matter what stage your local and state elections are currently in, pray! Pray for the candidates. Pray for donors. Pray for the people who mobilize voters. By being proactive with our prayer (and any [Intercessory Activism](#) we engage in), we will elect more godly leaders. **Use this prayer guide to pray** for the groups of people who determine the candidates and results on Election Day. As you are praying, jot down what you sense the Lord directs about how you can participate in prayer and civic action for your area. For more ideas, download IFA's **Intercessory Activism prayer guide** [here](#).

Prayer Journal Notes



Pray for the groups mobilizing Conservatives.

As Conservatives mobilize voters and action on issues and elections, churches have lagged behind in voter involvement, perhaps due in large

part to fear of promoting involvement in politics from the pulpit.

- Pray for integrity of mobilization efforts
- Pray for Christians to become involved in civic affairs
- Pray for kingdom values to gain traction



American Values

Gary Bauer has been a catalyst of action and voter information in several groups through the years. Today, he leads [American Values](#), a group dedicated to helping citizens voice their values, protecting "Family, Faith and Freedom."



Liberty Action Counsel

Mat Staver is founder and leader of [Liberty Counsel](#) and [Liberty Action Counsel](#) which provide voter education and mobilization and also provide training, education, and representation of pastors and churches.



CultureImpact.org

[CultureImpact.org](#), an offshoot of the Family Research Council, led by **Tony Perkins**, specializes in mobilizing "in-house

leadership for congregational response to the moral and social issues" facing communities and our nation.



Hispanic Action Network

[HAN](#) reaches out to the Hispanic community to engage them in acting out their faith through voting and civic

involvement. "Engage, educate and equip" the Church to stand for biblical truth, is the goal of HAN, led by Executive Director **Mark Gonzales**.



My Faith Votes

Sealy Yates leads this organization of "think, pray, vote" focus. With honorary chairman Governor **Mike Huckabee**, and a host

of other endorsements, [My Faith Votes](#) has gained traction through the 2016 campaign, running a great number of voter turnout-focused ads on a variety of media.



Family Policy Alliance

Formerly known as Citizen Link, [Family Policy Alliance](#) is under the umbrella of **Focus on the Family**,

headed by **Paul Weber**.



Faith and Freedom Coalition

Ralph Reed has organized a new Conservative mobilization organization, [Faith and Freedom Coalition](#) which

seeks to help people of faith become more effective citizens.



Champion the Vote

A component of United in Purpose, led by **Bill Dallas**, [Champion the Vote](#) works with a network of independent, like-minded organizations, "bringing

the Biblical worldview to the forefront of American life and politics."



AFA Action

Tim Wildmon leads AFA Action as a part of the American Family Association ministry. [AFA Action](#) provides election voter

guides and legislation action alerts.



Pray for the groups mobilizing Progressives.

Voter mobilization groups are plentiful on the Progressive side of politics. With a “ground game” that is strong in much of the country, these groups walk the neighborhoods, knock on doors, hold rallies, and phone potential voters to canvas for votes.

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Organizing for Action

This mobilization network was the outgrowth of the **Obama for America Presidential campaign**, (the original OFA). It has an estimated 1.8 million participants with chapters across the nation. **Katie Hogan** serves as the Executive Director. Organizing for Action began on 2017 at the moment President Obama became a private citizen. OFA is headquartered in Chicago.



MoveOn.org

A 3.3 million member group that originally centered around online activity has become a force to move people into political engagement and move voters to [action](#). (MoveOn.org also has a separate political action committee.) [Anna Galland](#) is the Executive Director. In the 2008 election, it is reported that MoveOn.org contributed over \$58 million in the effort to elect Barack Obama.



Indivisible

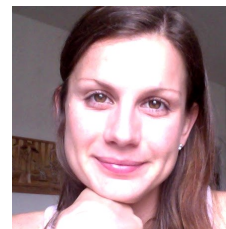
This network of 5,800 local groups work in concert to affect progressive change through political mobilization of volunteers. Husband and wife [Ezra Levin and Leah Greenberg](#) co-direct the organization. The Indivisible Project is fiscally sponsored by Tides. Their goal is opposing the Trump Presidency and any candidate who is aligned with Trump policies.



America Votes

This coalition is the largest voter mobilization group in the nation. Their goal is to increase voter participation, registration, and education. [Greg](#)

[Speed](#) is the President.



Rock the Vote

Engaging youth in the political process is the goal of Rock the Vote. This organization conducts various voter mobilization events, all

featuring entertainment and musical celebrities. [Carolyn DeWitt](#) serves as President of Rock the Vote.



Voter Participation Center

Unmarried women, people of color, and young people are the targeted groups of this voter mobilization organization founded and led by [Page Gardner](#). The group was formerly known as **Women's Voices, Women Vote**.

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Two of the largest foundations funding Conservative political causes

Pray that these funds would be used to honor biblical values.

Funding groups, PACS, and key donors behind the Conservative movement

Pray for each group by name, including leaders, that they would have the fear of the Lord as they invest their great wealth in candidates and races.

- Pray they would operate with integrity and with upright leadership
- Pray these groups would fund honorable candidates and seek godly solutions for our nation
- Pray for unity in purpose and wise spending

Top 10 Conservative PACS by Contributions in 2016

Figures provided by Center for Responsive Politics

Senate Leadership Fund	
Steven Law, CEO	\$86 million
National Republican Congressional Committee	
Rep. Steve Stivers, Chairman	\$73.6. million
National Rifle Association	
Wayne LaPierre, President	\$54.4 million
Congressional Leadership Fund	
Corry Bliss, Executive Director	\$40.1 million
National Republican Senatorial Committee	
Sen. Cory Gardner, Chairman	\$32.8 million
Freedom Partners Action Fund	
Mark Holden, Chairman	\$29.7 million
U.S. Chamber of Commerce	
Tom Donahue, CEO/President	\$29.1 million
Great America PAC	
Ed Rollins, Co-Chairman	\$23.6 million
Club for Growth	
David McIntosh, President	\$23.4 million
Rebuilding America Now	
Thomas Barrack, Jr., Founder	\$21.2 million

National Christian Foundation

The [National Christian Foundation](#) funds many of the politically-active civic organizations and ministries on the Conservative side, such as Family Research Council, and the American Family Association. It is a donor-advised foundation. **Chris Holdorf** is the CEO of NCF.

The Thirteen Foundation

The Thirteen Foundation funds organizations that uphold biblical values, such as Heritage Foundation, American Majority, Liberty Counsel, and others. With assets of over \$78 million, the foundation is headed by founder and trustee **Farris Wilks**.

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The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
keeping watch on the evil and the good.

-Proverbs 15:3 NKJV

- **Pray** that these major donor families would see their wealth as seed to be sown.
- **Pray** that they would desire to increase God's Kingdom with the financial blessings they have. May they be godly and righteous in earning and giving their wealth.

Pray for 'The Big 8'

The Top Eight Conservative Donor Families and Their Political Donation Muscle



Sheldon
Adelson \$77.9m



Robert Mercer
\$22.6m



John Joe Ricketts
\$14.4m



Diane Hendricks
\$13m



Richard Uihlein
\$19.6m



Ronnie Cameron
\$13.3m



Warren Stephens
\$12m



Bernard Marcus
\$11.6m

"I put my money where my beliefs are."

-Richard Uihlein

Prayer Journal Notes

Pray God's Word
over these
donors and
funding groups.

Deuteronomy 28:12

The Lord will open the
heavens, the store-
house of his bounty, to
send rain on your land
in season and to
bless all the work of
your hands.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his
kingdom and his
righteousness, and all
these things will be
given to you as well.

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the Lord with
your wealth, with the
firstfruits of all your
crops . . .



Funding groups, PACs, and key donors behind the Progressive movement

A **PAC**, or **Political Action Committee**, exists to raise and distribute funds for elections—not only to **elect** specific candidates, but also to actively **defeat** specific candidates or legislation. These organizations operate outside the candidate's campaign.

- Pray for integrity and godly values in these PACs and the people who operate them
- Pray for each one by name that they would have the fear of the Lord as they invest their great wealth in candidates and races

Top 10 Progressive PACS by Contributions in 2016

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Priorities USA/Priorities USA Action	
Guy Cecil, Director	\$133.4 million
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee	
Senator Chris Van Hollen, Chairman	\$103.8 million
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee	
Ben Ray Lujan, Chairman	\$80.4 million
Senate Majority PAC	
J.B. Poersch, President	\$75.4 million
House Majority PAC	
Alixandria Lapp, President	\$47.5 million
EMILY's List	
Stephanie Schriock, President	\$33.2 million
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)	
Mary Kay Henry, President	\$24.5 million
NextGen Climate Action	
Tom Steyer, Founder	\$22.9 million
League of Conservation Voters	
Gene Karpinski, President	\$19.9 million
Amer. Fed. Of State, County & Munic. Empl. (AFSCME)	
Lee Saunders, President	\$15.2 million

Three of the largest foundations funding liberal political causes

Pray that these funds would be used to honor biblical values.

Ford Foundation, the fifth wealthiest charitable foundation in the world, with assets of \$12.51 billion, has a massive footprint. Under the leadership of **Darren Walker**, Ford Foundation funds charities such as the ACLU and People for the American Way.

Open Society Foundations (OSF), is a behemoth of funding progressive charities, founded in 1993 by **George Soros** with nearly \$25 billion in assets. Second only to the Gates Foundation in assets, Open Society Foundations pours funding into groups such as Planned Parenthood, Center for American Progress, ACT, SEIU and many more.

TIDES Foundation and TIDES Center has a focus on funding and assisting "change makers" for equality and human rights such as **Indivisible**. [Planned Parenthood](#) and other abortion organizations are a recipient of TIDES money. **Kriss Dieglmeier** is the CEO of [TIDES](#) Foundation.

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.

-Proverbs 11:28 NKJV

- **Pray** that these major donor families would see their wealth as seed to be sown
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*The Top Eight **Progressive** Donor Families and Their Political Donation Muscle*



Thomas Steyer
\$89.7m



Fred Eychaner
\$35.3m



Dustin Moskovitz
\$24m



George Soros
\$20.6m



Donald Sussman
\$39.2m



James & Marilyn
Simons \$25m



Michael Bloomberg
\$23.7m



J.B. & M.K. Pritzker
\$18.9m

"I do think there are certain times
we should infringe on your freedom."

—Michael Bloomberg

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Pray God's Word
over these
donors and
funding groups.

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure
is, there your heart will
be also.

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of
money is a root of all
kinds of evil. Some
people, eager for
money, have wandered
from the faith and
pierced themselves
with many griefs.

Ecclesiastes 7:12

Wisdom is a shelter
as money is a shelter,
but the advantage of
knowledge is this:
Wisdom preserves
those who have it.

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[here.](https://www.IFApray.org)



Fifteen Critical House Races for Intercession

Pray for each of these critical races in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pray for godly candidates to win in the general elections.

Arizona 6th District

Primary - August 28, 2018

Primary Candidates:

Garrick McFadden (D)
Anita Malik (D)
Heather Ross (D)
David Schweikert (R-Incumbent)

California 4th District

Candidates:

Jessica Morse (D)
Tom McClintock (R-Incumbent)

Florida 26th District

Primary - August 28, 2018

Primary Candidates:

Demetries Grimes (D)
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D)
Carlos Curbelo (R-Incumbent)

Iowa 1st District

Candidates:

Abby Finkenauer (D)
Rod Blum (R-Incumbent)

New Mexico 2nd District

Candidates:

Xochitl Torres Small (D)
Yvette Herrell (R)

Nevada 3rd District

Candidates:

Susie Lee (D)
Danny Tarkanian (R)

New Jersey 11th District

Candidates:

Mikie Sherrill (D)
Jay Webber (R)

North Carolina 9th District

Candidates:

Dan McCready (D)
Mark Harris (R)

North Carolina 13th District

Candidates:

Kathy Manning (D)
Ted Budd (R-Incumbent)

South Carolina 4th District

Candidates:

Brandon Brown (D)
William Timmons (R)

Texas 2nd District

Candidates:

Todd Litton (D)
Daniel Crenshaw (R)

Texas 21st District

Candidates:

Joseph Kopser (D)
Chip Roy (R)

Texas 27th District

Candidates:

Eric Holguin (D)
Michael Cloud (R)

Virginia 7th District

Candidates:

Abigail Spanberger (D)
David Brat (R-Incumbent)

Washington 8th District

Primary - August 7, 2018

Primary Candidates:

Thomas Cramer (D)
Shannon Hader (D)
Jason Ritterer (D)
Kim Schrier (D)
Dino Rossi (R)
Gordon Allen Pross (R)
Jack Hughes-Hageman (R)

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Source: [Ballotpedia](#)

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Fourteen Critical Senate Races for Intercession

In 2018, there are 33 seats up for election in the Senate—currently held by 23 Democrats, 8 Republicans, and 2 Independents. The following races are considered “battleground” or “elections to watch,” because they may affect the balance of power in the Senate. Pray for godly

candidates to be chosen in these primaries for the ballot in the general election. Due to space limitations, we have listed only the leading contenders in these primary races. Source: [Ballotpedia](#)

Arizona

Primary Date—August 28

Candidates:

Kelli Ward (R)
Martha McSally (R)
Kyrsten Sinema (D)

Florida

Primary Date—August 28

Primary Candidates:

Bill Nelson (D–Incumbent)
Rick Scott (R)

Indiana

Candidates:

Joe Donnelly (D–Incumbent)
Mike Braun (R)

Maine

Candidates:

Zak Ringelstein (D)
Eric Brakey (R)

Michigan

Primary Date—August 7

Primary Candidates:

Debbie Stabenow (D–Incumbent)
John James (R)
Sandy Pensler (R)

Missouri

Primary Date—August 7

Primary Candidates:

Clare McCaskill (D–Incumbent)
Angelica Earl (D)
Josh Hawley (R)
Courtland Sykes (R)

Montana

Candidates:

Jon Tester (D–Incumbent)
Matt Rosendale (R)

Nevada

Candidates:

Dean Heller (R–Incumbent)
Jacky Rosen (D)

North Dakota

Candidates:

Heidi Heitkamp (D–Incumbent)
Kevin Cramer (R)

Ohio

Candidates:

Sherrod Brown (D–Incumbent)
Jim Renacci (R)

Pennsylvania

Candidates:

Bob Casey, Jr. (D–Incumbent)
Lou Barletta (R)

Tennessee

Primary Date—August 2

Candidates:

Phil Bredeson (D)
Marsha Blackburn (R)

West Virginia

Candidates:

Joe Manchin (D–Incumbent)
Patrick Morrisey (R)

Wisconsin

Primary Date—August 14

Primary Candidates:

Tammy Baldwin (D–Incumbent)
Kevin Nicholson (R)
Leah Vukmir (R)

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Pray for these fifteen critical gubernatorial races.

Pray for godly governors in all of our states! These races have been tapped as the “races to watch.” Intervene for each state listed, asking for wisdom from God for the candidates and voters alike. Click [here](#) to find out who’s running in your state.

Illinois

J.B. Pritzker (D)
Bruce Rauner (R)

Maine

Janet Mills (D)
Shawn Moody (R)

New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)
Steve Pearce (R)

Nevada

Steve Sisolak (D)
Adam Laxalt (R)

Alaska

Primary August 21
Mark Begich (D)
Mike Dunleavy (R)
Bill Walker (I–I)

Connecticut

Primary August 14
Joe Ganim (D)
Ned Lamont (D)
Mark Broughton (R)

Florida

Florida primary August 28
Andrew Gillum (D)
Gwen Graham (D)
Ron DeSantis (R)
Adam Putnam (R)

Ohio

Richard Cordray (D)
Mike DeWine (R)

Maryland

Ben Jealous (D)
Larry Hogan (R-I)

Wisconsin

Primary August 14
Tony Evers (D)
Matt Flynn (D)
Kelda Roys (D)
Scott Walker (R-I)

Georgia

Primary Runoff July 24
Stacey Abrams (D)
Casey Cagle (R)
Brian Kemp (R)

Iowa

Kim Reynolds (D)
Fred Hubbell (R)

Michigan

Primary August 7
Abdul El-Sayed (D)
Gretchen Whitmer (D)
Bill Shuette (R)

Pennsylvania

Tom Wolf (D-I)
Scott Wagner (R)

Tennessee

Primary August 2
Karl Dean (D)
Craig Fitzhugh (D)
Diane Black (R)
Beth Harwell (R)
Randy Boyd (R)

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Pray for these primaries and the general elections.

Pray for godly candidates to emerge from these primaries and to appear on the ballot in the general election. Click [here](#) to find out who's running for office in your area. Learn more about Intercessory Activism [here](#).

August 2

Tennessee primary

August 7

Kansas primary
Michigan primary
Missouri primary
Washington primary

August 11

Hawaii primary

August 14

Connecticut primary
Minnesota primary
South Dakota primary runoff
Vermont primary
Wisconsin primary

August 21

Alaska primary
Wyoming primary

August 28

Arizona primary
Florida primary
Oklahoma primary runoff

September 6

Delaware primary

September 11

New Hampshire primary
Rhode Island primary

September 13

New York primary

September 18

Massachusetts primary

November 6

General Elections

Louisiana primary

December 4

Georgia general election runoff

December 8

Louisiana general election

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