What is at Stake in This Election?

Why should we vote? We vote in honor of those who have gone before us and those who serve now protecting our freedoms including our right to vote, and because it is our responsibility to choose Godly leaders (Deut 1:13). Our part, as Christians, is to do our "due diligence": learn about the candidates and elected officials, what issues are at stake, how they stand biblically and then to make sure we vote to maintain and put into place Godly principles ensuring our freedoms (Prov 13:4).

Every vote is important, and especially in this election with what is at stake! At stake in these elections are: the biblical principles of marriage, right to life, religious freedoms, plus health care and economy (especially in light of the effects of COVID-19) and so much more! There have been elections where even a few hundred votes made the difference and even a few where 1 vote has determined the election. Pastor Robert Morris of Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas, recently shared, "There are 60 million committed Christians in America, but only about 30 million vote. If every Christian will vote according to their values, we can change the future of our nation and see America truly be "One Nation Under God".

We invite you to join us beginning today in daily prayer, and an "Election Prayer Vigil" on Nov 2nd, leading up to our election:



Election Daily Prayers

for our country and leaders for the 2020 Election. You can receive them by: EMAIL: <u>REGISTER</u> Or TEXT: Text "ELECTION" to 678 506-2462 We are also hosting an:

Election Prayer Vigil

November 2, Monday

8am-8pm

Click the link below to sign up for a 30-minute time slot.

Pray from the BHBC Prayer Room, your home or wherever you are! (You can also join others on Face Book Live Events and Zoom Calls)

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Election Prayers for Oct 18-24

Day 15 – Oct 18 - Every Christian Vote

Lord, I pray all Christians will take their responsibility to vote seriously and will cast their votes in much greater numbers than in previous national elections.

"When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan." (Prov 29:2)

Day 16 – Oct 19 - Discernment for Citizens

God of All, we pray for citizens to be able to discern the truth as they hear the candidates, see ads, watch debates, and tune in to the media. May they have the desire to seek truth and discern it.

"Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them." (Hos 14:9)

Day 17 – Oct 20 - Citizens Lay Aside Self-Interest

May all citizens lay aside self-interest for the common good of our nation, examining the issues and the candidates and voting in a way that is best for our country. Let wisdom be sought from God.

"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)

Day 18 – Oct 21 – Christians Can Affect Our Nation

May we realize, as Christians, we can affect our nation through our involvement, witness, prayer and voting – reflecting biblical values in legislation and leadership.

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. (Matt 5:13)

Day 19 – Oct 22 – Christians Ask for Discernment and Wisdom

Father, I come to You asking for Your discernment and wisdom concerning the issues and leaders in these elections, so I will understand and vote Your will. Let me understand fully the implications of the issues involving: marriage, right to life, religious freedoms, health care and economy (especially in light of the effects of COVID-19), national defense, border security, national debt, and more!

"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore, do not be partners with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord." (Eph 5:6-19)

Day 20 – Oct 23 - Christians Conduct Due Diligence

Father, I pray for myself and all Christians to understand the importance of conducting due diligence on candidates and their positions, and that we will weigh those positions with the Word of God.

"But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil." (Heb 5:14)

Day 21 – Oct 24 – Fair Electoral Process

Lord, I pray Your hand will be on the electoral process so it will be fair, impartial and free of corruption and manipulation.

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them." (Prov 11:3)

Voters' Guides to help inform you:

- I Voter Guide (by issues & state of Georgia) <u>https://ivoterguide.com/</u>
- Intercessors for America:
 <u>https://vote-your-values.s3.amazonaws.com/VoterPrayerGuide.pdf</u>
- Million Voices (Presidential, Vice Presidential, good 1 page each by issues)
 - Presidential: <u>https://millionvoices.org/voter-guides/2020-Presidential-Voter-Guide.pdf?utm_source=website&utm_medium=CTA&utm_campaign=Voter%20Guide%20Download</u>
 - Vice Presidential: <u>https://millionvoices.org/voter-guides/2020-VP-Voter-</u> <u>Guide.pdf?utm_source=website&utm_medium=CTA&utm_campaign=Voter%20G</u> <u>uide%20Download</u>
- Focus on the Family (Presidential by issues): <u>https://dailycitizen.focusonthefamily.com/2020-voter-guide/</u>
- Billy Graham Evangelistic Association:

https://static.billygraham.org/sites/lp.billygraham.org/uploads/prod/2020/09/20 20-Digital-Election-Guide-2.pdf

"When God intends great mercy for His people, the first thing He does is to set them a-praying." By Matthew Henry

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- Intercessors for America
- Family Research Council
- National Day of Prayer