

Combined Prayers for Revival and Elections

(2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalms 11:3, 1 Timothy 2:1-3)

Because America's greatest need is unquestionably spiritual, I am providing biblical prayers that *combine* praying for revival and major elections. As always, believers' first and foremost concern must be the spiritual condition of our land, not politics! One thing is certain — if sweeping moral and spiritual transformation takes place, politics will largely take care of itself. The unique prayers are biblically based and spiritually strategic for revival and national decisions.

The biblical prayers in this section are equally powerful for either personal or corporate prayer. By using the accompanying Scriptures, many churches will teach through the prayers. Many pastors will incorporate select prayers into their prayer meetings and ministries in the forty days prior to major elections. They are especially powerful for use on or before election days. Many churches will have their people pray through all the prayers on major election days and the day or two prior.

May we always remember that our faith is in God, not in particular political parties or human leaders. *Again, nationwide transformation depends far more on conditions in the Church-house than who is in the White House!* The prayers in this tool reflect a preeminent focus on God. And while there is some biblical focus on elections and leaders, the prayers promote no particular individuals or political parties. The focus is only on God's direction and blessing. Surely *any* sincere Christian could pray such prayers with his or her whole heart. Obviously, each person must privately decide which candidates or issues most represent God's heart.

Strategic Prayers for Social and Spiritual Renewal

“Biblical Prayers that Co-labor with God”

1. Pray for God's mercy on the Church, nation and world. Pray that He would stay His righteous judgment and turn us to Himself in fervent love and deep repentance. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Joel 2:12-17; Daniel 9:17-19; Isaiah 64:1-2)
2. Pray for deep conviction of sin, fervent prayer and revival to sweep Christ's Church. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Joel 2:12-17; Matthew 22:37-39; 2 Corinthians 7:10; James 4:8-10)
3. Pray for believers to be much more concerned about the glory of God's Name and spread of Christ's Kingdom than economic, political and social comforts. (Matthew 5:10-12, 6:33; James 4:1-3)
4. Pray for believers to fully humble themselves, placing their trust in God *not* in political parties, economics or government. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 33:12-22)
5. Pray for believers to be filled with great conviction and reverential fear of God. Pray that none would place economics or politics above God and biblical truths. (Exodus 20:3-5; Acts 5:29)
6. Pray for believers to willingly embrace hard times or persecution if such are required to bring sweeping revival and awakening. (God often brings revival out of hard times, persecution or judgment.) Pray for God's people to have wisdom to live and pray as a faithful remnant in a land of darkness. (Matthew 5:10-12; James 1:2, 4:1-3)
7. Pray for all Americans to take their vote seriously. Pray they will understand that God holds them directly

- responsible for the stances of those they elect. (Proverbs 29:2; Galatians 6:6-7; Ephesians 5:11)
8. Pray for quality people to decide to run for public office. Pray for wisdom, effectiveness and power in the campaigns and decisions of those you feel (personally) led to support. (James 1:5-7) Pray for strong funding and support.
 9. Pray for God's guidance and empowerment in campaign ads, interviews and public debates. (James 1:5-7) Pray that the press and media will be accurate, thorough and unbiased with all candidates.
 10. Pray that all believers will do their civic duty by seriously seeking God and turning out to vote in strong numbers. Pray that voter fraud will be exposed and prevented in both parties. (Psalm 11:3; Ephesians 5:17)
 11. Pray for all Americans to recognize the profound, lasting implication of major elections. Pray for voters to have the wisdom to see through political rhetoric and clearly understand truth. Pray for evil to be exposed and integrity to be revealed. Pray that all voters will clearly see the good and evil of the various beliefs and philosophies in either party. (Psalm 11:3; Proverbs 14:34)
 12. Pray for a mighty resurgence of Americans who will honor God and stand boldly for absolute moral truths and historic American principles. Pray that a great majority will awaken to wrong directions and bad leaders in either party. (Psalm 11:3, 33:12; Proverbs 14:34; John 17:7)
 13. Pray that God's Spirit will miraculously over-shadow voting booths across America. Pray that voters will hear and follow God's guidance, not political parties or human reasoning. (Proverbs 20:27; Acts 5:29; Romans 13:11; Ephesians 5:15-17)

14. Pray that God will give America leaders of integrity who govern in righteousness, wisdom and truth. (Psalm 33:12; Romans 13:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-2)
15. Pray for God to raise up a standard against evil and restrain the forces of moral and spiritual evil. Pray for God to send forth a mighty wave of truth and understanding. (Isaiah 59:19; Matthew 12:29)
16. Pray for sweeping revival in the Church and spiritual awakening across America and the world. Pray for an explosion of purity and revival in Christ's Church. Pray for a sweeping evangelistic harvest around the earth. Pray for Jesus to come quickly. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 64:1; Revelation 22:20)

(Whether or not believers use the full forty day journey, they can use the above listed sixteen prayers for a simpler, yet powerful approach. The following steps tell how.)

Forty Days of Prayer and Repentance ***“Five Ways to Use These Prayers”***

1. *Distribute these sixteen prayers forty days before major elections or pivotal events. Ask believers to set aside daily time to pray through at least four of the prayers. The following day they would pray through the next four prayers and continue this progression until the election or major event. With this approach, believers and churches will pray through all sixteen biblical prayers at least three times in a forty day period. It is also crucial to equip believers to embrace a time of examination and repentance before they pray. (See our website.) Without deep repentance, merely “saying” prayers will have little impact. As participants ask God to empower their praying, these prayers become far more than a rote list. They form the essence of truly seeking God's face.*

2. *Ask believers to fast one meal a day and use that time to pray through all sixteen prayers.* (Of course, another option is to fast once a week rather than daily.) By this process, believers embrace intercession and repentance in a powerful fashion. Deep repentance and fasting are vital to any serious call to prayer.
3. *In Wednesday and/or Sun evening services, conduct specific times of corporate prayer in the forty days prior to major national or church decisions.* The sixteen prayers provide a powerful guide for corporate or small group prayers. Again, confession and repentance must be incorporated into the focus.
4. *On the Sunday before major elections, designate the evening service as a solemn assembly and/or a focused corporate prayer meeting.* Ask the people to utilize a thorough cleansing process at least a week prior to the solemn assembly. During the actual corporate service, walk the congregation through a significant time of repentance and prayer. Then lead them to pray through many or all of the sixteen prayer points. Obviously, you would need to plan significant time for this type of service. A deep meeting with God *cannot* be tightly orchestrated or rushed!
5. *On election eve and election day, ask the entire church to earnestly fast and pray through all the prayers in this tool.* I suggest opening the sanctuary and asking people to sign up to pray at specified times throughout election day. Many churches and associations will be led to call region-wide corporate prayer meetings with area churches. A simple tool for cleansing is the laminated Bible insert entitled, **“Walking with God in Daily Cleansing”** by Gregory Frizzell. The larger practical tool is **Forty Days of Seeking God: “Praying for Revival, Repentance and**

National Elections” also by Dr. Frizzell. Both tools can be obtained from Greg Frizzell at gfrizzell@earthlink.net or by phone at 405.942.3000 ext. 4517.

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