THE 2012 ELECTION
GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER

“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”
(Psalm 11:3)

INTRODUCTION

“The effectual, fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much.”
(James 5:16)

While God's hand shaped our nation and the ideals of our founding fathers; it is no longer "politically correct" to mention His name or display the historical symbols associated with these ideals. Moreover there is complete disregard for constitutional justice.

The moral climate in America, as we have known it, is rapidly declining and is at serious risk of destruction. As the ensuing battle on the political landscape intensifies, it is no time for the Body of Christ to be passive.

More and more of our citizens are now exchanging conviction for compromise and coming into agreement with secular humanism instead of remaining faithful to the Christian foundation that has sustained our nation for centuries.

It is paramount that we persevere with effectual and fervent prayer (James 15:16) and become proactively engaged in making our voices be heard in the local, regional, and national elections.

Keep yourself before the Lord in order to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. Pray that the Ecclesia arise.

What follows is a very simple, nine-point guide to intercession during this election season. This guide has been designed to mobilize strategic intercessory prayer during the months ahead. Many more points to this guideline can and should be added, as the Lord would direct; and additional verses to stand upon are certainly to be welcomed, as well.
Please note, too, that this edition of our 2012 Election Prayer Guide includes an Addendum: “Prayers for Governmental Leadership and Candidates.”

Whether this guide is utilized in private intercession or with a corporate prayer team, every prayer “avails much” before the Throne Room of God. Thank you for agreeing in intercession over the needs and the decrees below. May God hear our prayers for our nation!

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NINE POINTS FOR PRAYER

1. Pray for the CHURCH

   Offer prayer that we, the Body of Christ in America, will walk together before our Lord in the spirit of unity and with pure hearts.

   “He has shown you, O man, what is good;
   And what does the LORD require of thee,
   But to do justly, to love mercy, And to walk humbly with thy God? “
   (Micah 6:8)

   Pray that repentance would become a lifestyle, so that we are each quick to come before the Lord, confessing our sins and forgiving each other, where needed. Pray that unity be restored. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

   Pray that we would be quick to forgive our enemies, for they know not what they do -- even in the political arena. This is commanded by our Lord.

   “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)

2. Pray for the CANDIDATES

   -- that they come to know the fear of the LORD so that they will walk in wisdom throughout this long campaign season.

   “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
   And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”
   (Proverbs 9:10)

   -- that they will surround themselves with skilled staffers -- men and women who will offer wise counsel to each candidate throughout this Election Cycle.

   Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
   Fear God and keep His commandments,
   For this is man’s all.
   (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- for strength for the candidates and for their families and their staffers. May each one be energized and invigorated by the campaign process, rather than drained.

   “As your days, so shall your strength be.”
   (Deuteronomy 33:25)

   Offer prayer that, in each state, each candidate will be legally vetted before his or her name appears on the ballot in November.

   “. . . be sure to appoint over you the king the LORD your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not a brother Israelite.” (Deuteronomy 17:15)

3. Pray for the VOTERS

- that they will know and correctly discern the true character of each candidate on the ballot (in both the primaries and in the general election). Pray that they will choose wisely, each one being led by the Spirit of the Most High God.

   “For God will bring every work into judgment,
   Including every secret thing,
   Whether good or evil.”
   (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

- Pray for fairness and justice in the balloting procedures as our citizens vote in the General Election this November.

- Pray that the voting procedure be just and equitable. Pray that voters will have clarity, discernment and wisdom when they go to the polls on November 6.

   “See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice.” (Isaiah 32:1)
4. Pray for the MEDIA [Pray for a miracle!]

-- Intercede that each member of the print and broadcast media will report the facts of this election cycle in truth, avoiding personal bias in their comments.

“The Lord GOD has opened My ear;  
And I was not rebellious,  
Nor did I turn away.”  
(Isaiah 50:5)

-- Pray that God will make Himself real and personal in their lives.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

(Luke 19:10)

-- Pray that any corrupt practices that may be present in these circles be exposed and brought to justice.

“There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed,  
or hidden that will not be made known.” (Luke 12:2)

5. Pray against any “dirty tricks” or similar wicked schemes among the candidates. Pray that justice is served, if so. Also, come against any “friendly fire” that may erupt among candidates who are of the same political party.

“Can a man hide himself in hiding places  
So I do not see him?” declares the LORD.  
“Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?” declares the LORD. (Jer. 23:24)
6. Take up the Sword of the Spirit.

-- Bind the spirit of LIES and loose the spirit of TRUTH throughout this election season.

-- BIND: lies, deception, dishonesty and distortion. Also, bind any occult spirits that may be in operation, too.

-- LOOSE: truth, honesty, integrity, ethical behavior

> “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
> (Matthew 18:18)

-- Rejoice that the Word is alive!

> “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”
> (Hebrews 4:12)

-- And rejoice that the Word does not come back void!

> “. . .so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”
> (Isaiah 55:11)
7. Continue to wield the Sword of the Spirit on behalf of our people.

-- Bind the Spirit of lawlessness; loose the Spirit of peace and order.

“... God is not a God of confusion but of peace ...”
(I Corinthians 14:33)

-- Ask the Lord to quell any violence that may be planned in our streets; pray for peace and safety in our cities.

“No longer will violence be heard in your land, not ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.” (Isaiah 60:18)

-- For those who may be planning to foment riots or unlawful demonstrations, pray that they be found out before these events take place, and that they be brought to justice.

“... those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. “
(Psalm 37:9)

8. Thank the LORD for providing sufficient RESOURCES for every declared candidate, according to His will. Be sure to intercede not only for the presidential election, but also for all elections that will take place in November: local (including school boards, whose decisions on policy and curriculum affect all of our children in public schools); and state (your own member of Congress and possibly your senator, as well).

-- Funds:

“A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.”
(Psalm 37:10,11)
-- Volunteers:

"Your troops will be willing on your day of battle." (Psalm 110:3)

-- Resources:

"And my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19)

9. PRAY THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL AWAKEN TO THE FACT THAT IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT, AND TO VOTE!! IF WE DESIRE TO SEE OUR NATION RESTORED TO ITS TRUE FOUNDATIONS, IT IS UP TO US TO PRAY, AND TO TAKE ACTION! AMEN.

"They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me." (Jer. 32:38-40)

May our Lord richly bless you as you seek His face on behalf of our national elections this year. Amen.
Pray for God to establish leaders of integrity and character at the local, state and national levels. Pray also that God would raise up statesmen and women with servant hearts who will honor moral and Godly principals, personally and professionally.

Isaiah 11: 2-3 “The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.”

Pray that our candidates will stay focused on their own agenda and not fixated on slandering their opponent.

Prov. 12:22 “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.”

Pray for God to expose and remove those in leadership who are corrupt and ungodly.

Dan. 2:20-21 “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: and he changes the times and the seasons: He removes kings, and sets up kings…”

Pray for the legislature to create and pass laws that would reflect the righteousness of the Lord, and be aligned with His Word.

Prov. 8:15-16 “By Me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By Me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.”

Pray for the judicial systems in our land to judge according to biblical principles and worldview rather than popular opinion or liberal mindsets.

Isaiah 58:2 “Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and one who did not forget the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in drawing near to God.”
Pray that every American will be awakened and compelled to get involved in the upcoming elections, resisting complacency and passivity. That they would recognize and value his or her vote, and exercise their privilege with diligence and faith.

Romans 13:11 "And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Pray for the voters to have great discernment to know truth from error as they cast their ballots, and to measure what a candidate says against his/her record.

Jeremiah 7:3 his is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place.

Pray that America's leaders and voters will recognize the importance of standing with Israel.

Jeremiah 31:7 This is what the LORD says: "Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

Pray that our government will protect civil rights and religious liberty for all Americans and not be deceived by political philosophies that undermine truth.

Isaiah 9:7 “There is no end to the increase of His government and of peace on the throne of David, and on His kingdom, to order it, and to sustain it with justice and with righteousness, from now and forever. The zeal of Jehovah of Hosts will do this.”

Psalm 89:14 “Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth shall go before Your face.”