

Behind the Curtain

A Prayer Guide for the 2016 Presidential Election



Praying for all those in authority is a command by the Lord as instructed in 1 Timothy 2:1-2. As we approach this critical and contentious election, let us use this guide to pray for the people and groups behind the candidates.


PRAY for each person to be presented with the Gospel if they haven't already, and come to a saving faith in Christ. (Ephesians 1:17-23)

PRAY for each person to exhibit honesty, integrity, and loyalty. (Proverbs 29:25)

PRAY for each person to recognize their own inadequacy and to seek the will of God. (Proverbs 3:5-8)

PRAY that each would fear God and that God would be glorified through their actions. (Proverbs 9:10)

PRAY that truth would be revealed if any wrongdoing or corruption is present. (Proverbs 16:13)

 **Check the box beside the name of the person or group when you have prayed for them.**



Who's driving the message?

Who's working *behind* the candidates?

How can we pray?



Check the box as you pray for these leaders.

Hillary Clinton Campaign



☐ **John Podesta** is Clinton's **Campaign Chair** and long time Clinton friend. He founded the Center for

American Progress, a liberal think-tank group. CAP is a member of the Shadow Party, a network of non-profit activist groups organized by George Soros and others to mobilize resources—money, get-out-the-vote drives, campaign advertising, and policy initiatives—to advance Democratic Party agendas.



☐ **Robby Mook** is Clinton's **Campaign Manager** and worked on multiple campaigns for key Democrats

including John Kerry, Jeanne Shaheen, Terry McAuliffe, and Hillary's 2008 Presidential bid. He is known for his data-driven campaign strategies.

Donald Trump Campaign



☐ **Steve Bannon** is Trump's **Campaign Executive Chairman** and was a close confidant of Andrew Breit-

bart. Bannon carried on the Breitbart company after his un-timely death. He is also the executive chairman and co-founder of the Government Accountability Institute, a group that aims to expose government corruption.



☐ **Kellyanne Conway** is Trump's latest **Campaign Director**. She is a Republican Strategist and is a veteran of Republican

campaigns and polling. Conway worked for a string of candidates including Dan Quayle, Jack Kemp, Newt Gingrich, and Mike Pence.



□ Hillary Clinton

Pray for the people behind the Clinton Campaign.



□ **Huma Abedin**

Abedin is Clinton's closest and most trusted personal aide and advisor, having served with her for decades. She is Clinton's **Vice-Chair of the Clinton Campaign** and personal Chief of Staff. Abedin is recently separated from former U.S. Congressman Anthony Weiner. Born in Michigan and raised in Saudi Arabia, she is a practicing Muslim, and speaks Urdu and Hindi. Anthony Weiner and she have one child.



□ **Mandy Grunwald** is a longtime Clinton ally and is acting as **Media Advisor** for Clinton's campaign.

She worked on Hillary's 2008 campaign team. Her history with the Clinton goes way back.



□ **Maya Harris** is Clinton's **Campaign Senior Policy Advisor** and is a Senior fellow at the Center for American Progress (CAP).



□ **Minyon Moore** is Clinton's **Senior Advisor** to the campaign. She is the principal at the Dewey Square

Group. Moore is one of the founders of Americans Coming Together, a shadow organization funded by George Soros for increasing voter contact for progressives.



□ **Ann O'Leary** is Clinton's **Senior Policy Advisor**. She is Vice President at Next Generation and Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress. (CAP).



□ **Jim Margolis** is Clinton's **Media Advisor** and came from the Obama 2008 campaign team.



□ **Jake Sullivan** is Clinton's **Senior Policy Advisor** and former Deputy Director for Clinton's 2008 cam-

paign. He has notoriety for facilitating the groundwork for the nuclear deal with Iran.




□ **Joel Benenson** is Clinton's **Chief Strategist** and pollster. He worked as a pollster and strategist for political clients, CEOs, and corporate clients. Benenson was Obama's pollster.



□ **Cheryl Mills** is serving Clinton in an unofficial **senior advisory role**. She worked for the Clintons during their

White House years, Clinton's stint in the State Department, and for the Clinton Foundation.



Pray for the truth to be widely known about these 7 Soros-funded Shadow Party groups behind the Clinton Campaign.

- ❑ **MoveOn.org**: This California-based entity is the only one of the Shadow Party's core groups that was not a new startup operation. Launched in September 1998, MoveOn is a Web-based political network that organizes online activists, raises money for Democratic candidates, generates political ads, and is very effective at recruiting young people to support Democrats. In November 2003, Soros pledged to give MoveOn \$5 million.
- ❑ **America Coming Together**: ACT began in 2004 with Soros's \$10 million grant, and ran what it called "the largest voter-contact program in history," with more than 1,400 full-time paid canvassers contacting potential voters door-to-door and by phone for progressive candidates.
- ❑ **Center For American Progress**: CAP is a progressive think tank promoting leftist ideas and policy initiatives. CAP's leadership has consistently featured a cast of former high-ranking officials from the Clinton administration. Former Clinton staffer Harold Ickes helped create 6 of the 7 Soros-funded Shadow Party groups listed here, with the exception of MoveOn.org.
- ❑ **Joint Victory Campaign** (JVC): This fundraising entity focuses on collecting contributions and disbursing them chiefly to America Coming Together and the Media Fund. Over \$57.8 million was funneled to these organizations so far, with Soros contributing more than \$12 million in 2004 alone.
- ❑ **America Votes**: A national coalition coordinating the efforts of many get-out-the-vote organizations and thousands of contributing activists. Soros donated over \$5 million to the coalition .
- ❑ **Media Fund**: The Media Fund describes itself as "the largest media-buying organization supporting a progressive message" in the United States.
- ❑ **Thunder Road Group** (TRG): This political consultancy coordinated strategy for America Coming Together, America Votes, and the Media Fund. Its duties include strategic planning, polling, opposition research, covert operations, and public relations.

According to **Discover the Networks**, "In addition to its seven core members, the Shadow Party also came to include at least another 30 well-established leftwing activist groups and labor unions that participated in the America Votes coalition. Among the better-known of these were **ACORN** (now called **Communities Organized International**); the **AFL-CIO**; the **AFSCME**; the **American Federation of Teachers**; the **Association of Trial Lawyers of America**; the **Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund**; **EMILY's List**; the **Human Rights Campaign**; the **League of Conservation Voters**; the **NAACP**; **NARAL Pro-Choice America**; the **National Education Association**; **People for the American Way**; **Planned Parenthood**; the **Service Employees International Union**; and the **Sierra Club**."

Pray for these members of The Shadow Party

From **Arianna Huffington's** Shadow Conventions, progressive think tank meetings of wealthy donors and strategists, came The Shadow Party. Launched on July 17, 2003 at El Mirador, George Soros' Southampton estate on Long Island, The Shadow Party was the beginning of stealthy, calculated, and coordinated efforts to funnel money into core groups for the advancement of the progressive agenda. At this meeting of donors, labor leaders, and progressive activists, Soros laid out his plan to defeat George Bush in the 2004 presidential election and beyond. Attendees included OSI director **Morton Halperin** ; EMILY's List founder and abortion-rights activist **Ellen Malcolm**; former Clinton chief of staff **John Podesta**; Sierra Club executive director **Carl Pope**; former Clinton speechwriters **Jeremy Rosner** and **Robert Boorstin**; labor leader and former Clinton advisor **Steve Rosenthal**; and major Democrat donors such as **Lewis and Dorothy Cullman**, **Robert Glaser**, **Peter Lewis**, and **Robert McKay**.

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DiscoverTheNetworks.org.



□ Donald Trump

Pray for the people behind the Trump Campaign.



□ Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump, and Donald Trump, Jr.

Donald Trump's closest allies and fiercest defenders are his three eldest children.

Successful business people in their own right, the Trump children have been heavily involved in their father's campaign and appearances.



□ **Michael Glassner** is Trump's **Deputy Campaign Manager**.

He is President of C&MT Transcontinental and serves multiple political clients.



□ **Jim Murphy** is Trump's **National Political Director**. He is Managing Partner at JLM Consulting.



□ **Mike Biundo** is Trump's **Senior Political Advisor**. He was senior advisor to the Rand Paul

campaign in 2014.



□ **Alan Cobb** is Trump's **Director of Coalitions**. He is a principal at Cobb & Associates in Topeka, Kansas.



□ **Jason Miller** is Trump's **Senior Communications Advisor**. He was lead communications and

digital consultant on the Cruz for President campaign.



□ **Katrina Pierson** is Trump's **National Spokesperson**. She was most recently the Spokesperson for the Tea Party Leadership Fund.



□ **Sarah H. Sanders** is Trump's **Senior Advisor**. She has experience working for her father, Mike Huckabee, as well as for other candidates.



□ **Jeff Sessions** is Trump's **National Security Chair**. He was the first U.S. Senator to endorse

Trump during the primaries and has advised him on a number of issues.



Funding groups and key people behind the Trump Campaign

❑ **Rebuilding America Now:** A pro-Trump SuperPAC, RAN received a cash infusion from donors after the GOP Convention, but still is far behind the fundraising levels of PACs on the Clinton team.

❑ **Great America PAC:** Created to fund and support the Trump campaign.

❑ **Home Depot Co-Founder Bernie Marcus:** Marcus donated \$3 million to the RAN PAC (above) making him a major contributor to the Trump Campaign indirectly.

❑ **Developer Geoff Palmer:** Palmer is one of Trump's largest contributors, shelling out \$2 million to a pro-Trump PAC.

❑ **American Energy Alliance:** Unclear of any funding, but standing behind Trump is the American Energy Alliance, a science-based institute representing the industry of fossil fuels.

❑ **National Rifle Association:** The NRA, an advocacy group promoting rights of gun ownership, is endorsing Trump, and will run ads promoting the preservation of the second amendment, which Trump supports.

❑ **Rupert Murdoch, media mogul, CEO of Fox News:** Murdoch has endorsed Trump, but it is unclear if he helps fund the Trump Campaign.

❑ **Bill Koch, of Koch Industries:** brother to the more outspoken and famous Charles and David Koch who are longtime Republican funders, Bill Koch is endorsing Trump.

❑ **Peter Theil, co-founder of PayPal:** Theil is an entrepreneur, venture capitalist, hedge fund manager, board member of Facebook, libertarian, "transhumanist," and now Trump supporter.

❑ **Brian France, CEO and Chairman of NASCAR:** France is on record for supporting Trump, but it is unclear if he helps fund the Trump Campaign.

A self-funded candidate?

OpenSecrets.org indicates that the Trump Campaign has been out –fundraised and out-spent approximately 4 to 1 by the Clinton campaign, with most of Clinton's money coming from outside of her campaign. Fewer PACs and only 527 groups have backed Trump after the contentious GOP primaries. The amount spent on his campaign is far less than Republican candidates in the past. PACs that traditionally waged heavy advertising campaigns sat out this election, with little interest in backing Trump. Trump's promise to self-fund his campaign was largely upheld through the primary. He maintains that his promise to self-fund was not directed toward the general election campaign, and has since then started vigorously fundraising at the direction of his advisors. Typical GOP groups such as Crossroads for America, founded by Karl Rove, and one of the most successful and lucrative PACs, so far are not funding Trump, or running ads on his behalf.



The Vice Presidential Candidates

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□ Tim Kaine, Democrat

Tim Kaine hails from the swing state of Virginia and is Hillary Clinton's choice for Vice President. Kaine served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, as well as Governor of, and U.S. Senator from, Virginia. Kaine was Raised Catholic, and during much of his political career was opposed to abortion. He has since switched his stance to fall in line with the Democratic party platform. Kaine and his wife Anne have three grown children. Pray that Kaine would be touched by God to return to his pro-life views, and that his relationship with Christ would impact his stand on issues and politics.



□ Mike Pence, Republican

Mike Pence served most recently as Governor of Indiana and is Donald Trump's choice for Vice President. Pence served in Congress for 13 years representing two districts of Indiana. He is a Tea Party supporter and staunch Conservative. Raised Catholic, Pence came to know Christ personally his freshman year in college. His faith affects his position on issues and gained him the rating of most conservative member of Congress in the last forty years. Pence and his wife Karen have three grown children. Pray that Pence would be fortified in his faith, for protection, and for the opportunity to share his faith with others in the Trump campaign.

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