

# Trump's Supreme Court

A Prayer Guide for the nominee for the Supreme Court and other potential federal judge appointees.



## Scripture Prayer Points for Gorsuch

### 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Pray for strength and protection for Judge Neil Gorsuch and his family.

### Deuteronomy 31:6

Pray for courage for Judge Gorsuch.

### Isaiah 9:7

Pray that God's justice and righteousness would be established through Judge Gorsuch and the Supreme Court.

### Proverbs 17:23

Pray that Judge Gorsuch would rule with integrity.



- Who is Judge Neil Gorsuch?

- How can we pray?

## Pray for Judge Neil Gorsuch, Trump's appointee for the Supreme Court.



### □ Neil Gorsuch

Neil Gorsuch, Trump's nominee for Supreme Court Justice, filling Scalia's vacancy, is a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He was appointed to this role by President Bush in 2006. Judge Gorsuch previously served in the Justice Department as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General from 2005 to 2006. Judge Gorsuch was a Marshall Scholar and received his law degree from Harvard. His name came to public view during two high-profile cases in the Obama Administration, [Hobby Lobby Stores v. Sebelius](#) and [Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged v. Burwell](#). His rulings on

those two cases in the 10th circuit court found favor with religious freedom, dealing a blow to the Obama Administration. While unclear how he will rule on pro-life issues, since he has not presided over any on the bench, he has written a book entitled [The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia](#), where he outlines the moral and ethical problems with assisted suicide.

Gorsuch is a fairly young man for the bench. At only 49 years old, he could have a long career as a Justice. He has clerked for Justice Kennedy, and it will be the first time ever that a Justice will serve with a former clerk in the same Supreme Court. Judge Gorsuch is known for his Scalia-esque opinions and wit, and issues very clear and concise opinions. His family includes wife, Louise and daughters, Emma and Belinda—both teenagers. He is currently attending an Episcopalian church, but has a background in Catholicism. Pray for Gorsuch's confirmation, his family's protection, and his faith to grow in the Lord in this time of transition.

# Trump to fill 103 federal judge vacancies to benches across the nation

*Pray for these potential candidates.*

President Donald Trump has inherited 103 open federal judge appointments. These appointments are important—many decisions find their way to circuit courts or courts of appeal, where these judges will preside. **Pray for this list of judges, formerly on Trump’s list of Supreme Court Justice nominees.** They could be appointed to a federal judgeship or even considered in the future for a vacancy on the Supreme Court that could appear at a later time in Trump’s presidency.

As you pray for each one, check the box next to their name. Pray that they would make godly and wise decisions from the bench.



## Keith Blackwell

Keith Blackwell is a justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. He has served in this position since 2012. He previously served on the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Justice Blackwell is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law.



## Mike Lee

Mike Lee is the junior U.S. Senator from Utah. He currently serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in

Utah and as a Supreme Court Clerk for Justice Alito. Senator Lee received his law degree from Brigham Young University.



## Edward Mansfield

Edward Mansfield is a justice on the Iowa Supreme Court. He was appointed to the court in 2011 and retained by voters in 2012. Justice

Mansfield previously served as a judge of the Iowa Court of Appeals. He also teaches law at Drake University as an adjunct professor. Justice Mansfield is a graduate of Yale Law School.



## Amul Thapar

Amul Thapar is a federal judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Judge Thapar previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the

Southern District of Ohio and was the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Judge Thapar received his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



## Federico Moreno

Federico Moreno is a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and a member of the Judicial Conference of the United

States. He also served as a state and county court judge in Florida. Judge Moreno is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law.



## Timothy Tymkovich

Timothy Tymkovich is the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He was appointed to the bench in 2003, and he previously served as Colorado Solicitor General. Judge Tymkovich is a graduate of the University of Colorado College of Law.



## Margaret Ryan

Margaret Ryan has been a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces since 2006. Judge Ryan served in the Marine Corps through de-

ployments in the Philippines and the Gulf War. She clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas. Judge Ryan graduated from Notre Dame Law School through a military scholarship and served as a JAG officer for four years.



## Robert Young

Robert Young is the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. He was appointed to the court in 1999, and became part of a majority of justices who embraced

originalism and led what one scholar described as a "textualism revolution." Justice Young previously served as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals. Chief Justice Young is a graduate of Harvard Law School.



**“...I will appoint justices who, like Justice Scalia, will protect our liberty with the highest regard for the Constitution.”  
—President-elect Donald J. Trump**

Mr. Trump stated, “We have a very clear choice in this election. The freedoms we cherish and the constitutional values and principles our country was founded on are in jeopardy. The responsibility is greater than ever to protect and uphold these freedoms and I will appoint justices who, like Justice Scalia, will protect our liberty with the highest regard for the Constitution.” It is likely that these judges would remain top picks of the Trump Administration, should there be another vacancy, or in appointing federal judges in our nation. Please pray for each of them, as they rule in their courtrooms, that they would draw upon the Constitution and godly wisdom for their decisions.



**Diane Sykes**

□ Diane Sykes is a federal judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She has served in this position since her confirmation in 2004. Prior to this appointment, Sykes served as a Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court for five years. She is one of Trump’s front-runners for the position of Supreme Court Justice. Judge Sykes is a graduate of Northwestern University and received her law degree from Marquette University Law School.



**Steven Colloton**

□ Steven Colloton is a federal judge on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He was appointed to the court in 2003. He also served as a U.S. Attorney for the

Southern District of Iowa and a Special Assistant to the Attorney General. Colloton clerked for Supreme Court Chief Justice Rehnquist. Judge Colloton is a graduate of Yale Law School.



**Raymond Gruender**

□ Raymond Gruender is a federal judge on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has served in this role since 2004. Formerly, he was in private practice, and from

2001 to 2004 served as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri. Judge Gruender graduated with three degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.



**Allison Eid**

□ Allison Eid is a justice with the Colorado Supreme Court. She served as Solicitor General for the State of Colorado before being appointed to the

Colorado Supreme Court in 2005. After law school, she clerked for several notable justices, including Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Justice Eid is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School.



**Thomas Hardiman**

□ Thomas Hardiman is a federal judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. His confirmation was in 2007. He was in private practice in Washington, D.C and

Pittsburg prior to his appointment in 2003 as a judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Judge Hardiman is a graduate of University of Notre Dame and Georgetown University Law Center.





# Pray for these potential federal judge appointees and potential future Supreme Court nominees.



### William Pryor, Jr.

William Pryor, Jr. is a federal judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. He has served in this role since his confirmation in 2004, and also is a Commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission. He served as the Attorney General for the State of Alabama. Judge Pryor is considered among the leading choices for Supreme Court Justice by President-elect Donald Trump. He graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and Tulane University Law School.



### Raymond Kethledge

Raymond Kethledge is a federal judge for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has served in this role since 2008. He clerked for Supreme Court Justice Kennedy, served as guest lecturer at University of Michigan, and had a private practice. Judge Kethledge received his law degree from Wayne State University Law School.



### David Stras

David Stras is a justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court. He has served in this role since 2010. He clerked on two federal courts of appeal, after which he clerked for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Justice Stras received his education from University of Kansas and his law degree from University of Kansas School of Law.



### Joan Larsen

Joan Larsen is a justice on the Michigan Supreme Court. She has served in this role since 2015. She also served with the Justice Department as an Assistant Attorney General for Legal Counsel. Justice Larsen graduated from Northwestern University Law School.



### Don Willett

Don Willett is a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas. He served as Texas Deputy Attorney General and as Justice Department Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy. Justice Willett is a graduate of Duke University Law School.



### Thomas Lee

Thomas Lee, brother of Utah Senator Mike Lee, is a justice on the Utah Supreme Court. He has served in this position since 2010. Justice Lee has clerked for Supreme Court

Justice Clarence Thomas. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University and served there as a faculty member at J. Reuben Clark Law School. Justice Lee received his law degree from University of Chicago Law School.

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