

INTERCESSORY ACTIVISM

Intercessory Activism is promoting and releasing God’s kingdom values in today’s political process by adding action to intercession, joining in political campaigns and elections, positioning intercessors alongside elected officials to support them in prayer. Ask God how He might want you to become more actively involved in campaigns and elections in your area.

The biblical precedent for Intercessory Activism:

Daniel interceded and spoke to kings concerning national matters (*Daniel 1:17-2:45*).

Jeremiah spoke God’s word for the nation to government officials (*Jeremiah 36:27-32*).

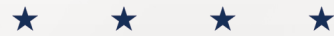
Jesus publicly demonstrated zeal for His Father’s house of prayer (*Matthew 21:12-13*).

The disciples prayed for greater boldness in the face of opposition and threats (*Acts 4:29*).

Paul reached officials with the kingdom message while appealing to Caesar (*Acts 26-27*).

The goal of Intercessory Activism:

Positioning intercessors alongside thousands of elected officials and national leaders to support them in prayer, impart God’s Word, and be a witness for Christ.



King Zedekiah sent Jeremiah the prophet this message:

“Please pray to the Lord our God for us.”
(Jeremiah 37:3)

GETTING STARTED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

1. Contact your local election offices to learn primary dates.
2. Make a list of candidates from all parties and pray for them.
3. Become familiar with the various platforms of each party.
4. Ask the Lord how to engage in the process through Intercessory Activism.

ACTIVISM IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

- Take prayer walks in your precinct
- Attend candidates’ events to pray
- Volunteer at local campaign headquarters
- Introduce candidates to key church leaders
- Do door-to-door networking for campaigns
- Work the polls on Election Day
- Help with fundraising
- Run for office

ACTIVISM FROM YOUR HOME

- Stay informed and up-to-date on issues
- Pray for the election process
- Inform and involve family and friends
- Use social media to share information
- Host a meet-and-greet for a candidate
- Use emails to promote rallies and the election
- Help with administrative tasks
- Contact candidates’ offices for prayer requests
- Look for ways to encourage campaign volunteers

PRAYING GOD'S WORD FOR CAMPAIGNS AND CANDIDATES

Pray for the fear of the Lord to rest on the election proceedings and all who participate.

The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side. (2 Chronicles 20:29-30)

Pray for the favor of the Lord for God-fearing candidates.

Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. (Psalm 5:12)

Pray for order and divine wisdom to guide the steps of each candidate.

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand. (Psalm 37:23-24)

Pray that any corruption or illegal activity will be exposed, stopped, and brought to justice.

One whose heart is corrupt does not prosper; one whose tongue is perverse falls into trouble. (Proverbs 17:20)

Pray for spiritual discernment to distinguish between good and evil, truth and counterfeit.

They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. (1 John 4:5-6)

Pray for financial provision and effective resources for candidates.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Pray for staff to be honorable and skilled in their work.

But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain . . . (Exodus 18:21a)

Pray for protection for God-fearing candidates.

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, a refuge on the day of distress, taking care of those who look to him for protection . . . (Nahum 1:7 NABRE)

Pray that those who are truly called of the Lord would stand out among the rest.

But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison . . . because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed. (Genesis 39:21-23 ESV)

PRAYER FOR CANDIDATES

Lord, You are the God of all nations. You bless nations who call upon You. I call upon You on behalf of my nation and the political candidates running for office. Show me how You want me to intercede for them. May Your will be done in their lives and in their elections. Guide them, direct them, and use them to accomplish Your will in their communities and in our nation.

In Jesus' name, Amen.