Praying for Midterms
An IFA Prayer Guide for the 2018 Midterm Elections

Campaign with prayer.

Join Intercessors for America in praying for the primary season in our nation—for candidates on all sides, for the donors and directors, the mobilizers and the movers. Pray for integrity and transparency in the election process. Pray for godly candidates to run for office and that they would be well-funded. Ask for direction from God on how you can be a part of the civic process.

There are twelve key House races in our nation, in which retirements, weak incumbents, or a huge field of primary candidates warrant critical intercession. These key races may affect the balance of power in Congress. Please join us in praying for these highlighted districts—even if you don’t live there.

Overall, pray that God would be honored in our elections and that Christians would not only pray, but also participate in elections.

A better candidate starts in the primaries—and with prayer.

“Hold your nose and vote.” “Vote for the lesser of the two evils.” You’ve heard them both when neither of the candidates running for office are worthy of your vote. How can we see better candidates on our November ballots—whether for school board or for Senator? The answer is primaries. This process begins well before many ads appear on media and signs appear in yards. The primaries are the first public voter-vetting process for determining the slate for elections. Doesn’t it make sense for prayer—and civic action—to begin before the primary stage? As we look toward the midterm elections, begin praying for your local and state elections now. Pray for all the candidates. Pray for donors. Pray for the people who mobilize voters. By being proactive with our prayer (and any Intercessory Activism we engage in), we will elect more godly leaders because we have been praying for them from the time they began their race. Use this prayer guide to pray for the groups of people who determine the candidates we see on Election Day. As you are praying, jot down what you sense the Lord directs about how you personally can participate in prayer and civic action for your area. For more ideas, download IFA’s Intercessory Activism prayer guide here.

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Pray for the groups mobilizing Conservatives.

As Conservatives mobilize voters and action on issues and elections, churches have lagged behind in voter involvement, perhaps due in large part to fear of promoting involvement in politics from the pulpit.

- Pray for integrity of mobilization efforts
- Pray for Christians to become involved in civic affairs
- Pray for kingdom values to gain traction

**American Values**

Gary Bauer has been a catalyst of action and voter information in several groups through the years. Today, he leads American Values, a group dedicated to helping citizens voice their values, protecting “Family, Faith and Freedom.”

**Liberty Action Counsel**

Mat Staver is founder and leader of Liberty Counsel and Liberty Action Counsel which provide voter education and mobilization and also provide training, education, and representation of pastors and churches.

**Family Policy Alliance**

Formerly known as Citizen Link, Family Policy Alliance is under the umbrella of Focus on the Family, headed by Paul Weber.

**Faith and Freedom Coalition**

Ralph Reed has organized a new Conservative mobilization organization, Faith and Freedom Coalition which seeks to help people of faith become more effective citizens.

**Champion the Vote**

A component of United in Purpose, led by Bill Dallas, Champion the Vote works with a network of independent, like-minded organizations, “bringing the Biblical worldview to the forefront of American life and politics.”

**My Faith Votes**

Sealy Yates leads this organization of “think, pray, vote” focus. With honorary chairman Governor Mike Huckabee, and a host of other endorsements, My Faith Votes has gained traction through the 2016 campaign, running a great number of voter turnout-focused ads on a variety of media.

**AFA Action**

Tim Wildmon leads AFA Action as a part of the American Family Association ministry, AFA Action provides election voter guides and legislation action alerts.

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Voter mobilization groups are plentiful on the Progressive side of politics. With a “ground game” that is strong in much of the country, these groups walk the neighborhoods, knock on doors, hold rallies, and phone potential voters to canvas for votes.

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**MoveOn.org**
A 3.3 million member group that originally centered around online activity has become a force to move people into political engagement and move voters to action. (MoveOn.org also has a separate political action committee.) **Anna Galland** is the Executive Director. In the 2008 election, it is reported that MoveOn.org contributed over $58 million in the effort to elect Barack Obama.

**America Votes**
This coalition is the largest voter mobilization group in the nation. Their goal is to increase voter participation, registration, and education. **Greg Speed** is the President.

**Rock the Vote**
Engaging youth in the political process is the goal of Rock the Vote. This organization conducts various voter mobilization events, all featuring entertainment and musical celebrities. **Carolyn DeWitt** serves as President of Rock the Vote.

**Indivisible**
This network of 5,800 local groups work in concert to affect progressive change through political mobilization of volunteers. Husband and wife **Ezra Levin and Leah Greenberg** co-direct the organization. The Indivisible Project is fiscally sponsored by Tides. Their goal is opposing the Trump Presidency and any candidate who is aligned with Trump policies.

**Voter Participation Center**
Unmarried women, people of color, and young people are the targeted groups of this voter mobilization organization founded and led by **Page Gardner**. The group was formerly known as Women's Voices, Women Vote.

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Funding groups, PACS, and key donors behind the Conservative movement.

*Pray for each group by name, including leaders, that they would have the fear of the Lord as they invest their great wealth in candidates and races.*

- Pray they would operate with integrity and with upright leadership
- Pray these groups would fund honorable candidates and seek godly solutions for our nation
- Pray for unity in purpose and wise spending

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### Top 10 Conservative PACS by Contributions in 2016

*Figures provided by Center for Responsive Politics*

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<th>PAC Name</th>
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The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.
-Proverbs 15:3 NKJV

- Pray that these major donor families would see their wealth as seed to be sown.
- Pray that they would desire to increase God’s Kingdom with the financial blessings they have. May they be godly and righteous in earning and giving their wealth.

Pray for ‘The Big 8’
The Top Eight Conservative Donor Families and Their Political Donation Muscle

Sheldon Adelson $77.9m
Richard Uihlein $19.6m
Robert Mercer $22.6m
Ronnie Cameron $13.3m
John Joe Ricketts $14.4m
Warren Stephens $12m
Diane Hendricks $13m
Bernard Marcus $11.6m

“I put my money where my beliefs are.”
-Richard Uihlein

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Three of the largest foundations funding liberal political causes

A PAC, or Political Action Committee, exists to raise and distribute funds for elections—not only to elect specific candidates, but also to actively defeat specific candidates or legislation. These organizations operate outside the candidate’s campaign.

- Pray for integrity and godly values in these PACs and the people who operate them
- Pray for each one by name that they would have the fear of the Lord as they invest their great wealth in candidates and races

Top 10 Progressive PACS by Contributions in 2016

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<td>Priorities USA/Priorities USA Action</td>
<td>Guy Cecil, Director</td>
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<td>Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee</td>
<td>Senator Chris Van Hollen, Chairman</td>
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<td>Ben Ray Lujan, Chairman</td>
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<td>Senate Majority PAC</td>
<td>J.B. Poersch, President</td>
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<td>Alixandria Lapp, President</td>
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<td>EMILY’s List</td>
<td>Stephanie Schriock, President</td>
<td>$33.2 million</td>
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<td>Service Employees International Union (SEIU)</td>
<td>Mary Kay Henry, President</td>
<td>$24.5 million</td>
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<td>NextGen Climate Action</td>
<td>Tom Steyer, Founder</td>
<td>$22.9 million</td>
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<td>League of Conservation Voters</td>
<td>Gene Karpinski, President</td>
<td>$19.9 million</td>
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<td>Amer. Fed. Of State, County &amp; Munic. Empl. (AFSCME)</td>
<td>Lee Saunders, President</td>
<td>$15.2 million</td>
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Ford Foundation, the fifth wealthiest charitable foundation in the world, with assets of $12.51 billion, has a massive footprint. Under the leadership of Darren Walker, Ford Foundation funds charities such as the ACLU and People for the American Way.

Open Society Foundations (OSF), is a behemoth of funding progressive charities, founded in 1993 by George Soros with nearly $25 billion in assets. Second only to the Gates Foundation in assets, Open Society Foundations pours funding into groups such as Planned Parenthood, Center for American Progress, ACT, SEIU and many more.

TIDES Foundation and TIDES Center has a focus on funding and assisting “change makers” for equality and human rights such as Indivisible. Planned Parenthood and other abortion organizations are a recipient of TIDES money. Kriss Dieglmeier is the CEO of TIDES Foundation.

Funding groups, PACs, and key donors behind the Progressive movement.

Pray that these funds would be used to honor biblical values.
Pray God’s Word over these donors and funding groups.

Matthew 6:21
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 Timothy 6:10
For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Ecclesiastes 7:12
Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it.

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage.
-Proverbs 11:28 NKJV

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Thomas Steyer $89.7m
Fred Eychaner $35.3m
Dustin Moskovitz $24m
George Soros $20.6m
Donald Sussman $39.2m
James & Marilyn Simons $25m
Michael Bloomberg $23.7m
J.B. & M.K. Pritzker $18.9m

“I do think there are certain times we should infringe on your freedom.”
—Michael Bloomberg

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Twelve Critical Primary Races for Intercession

Pray for godly candidates to emerge from these primaries and to appear on the ballot in the general election.

Arizona 6th District
Primary - August 28, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Garrick McFadden (D)
Anita Malik (D)
Heather Ross (D)
John Williamson (D)
Gustavo Ortega (D)
David Schweikert (R–Incumbent)

California 4th District
Primary - June 5, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Regina Bateson (D)
Roza Calderon (D)
Jessica Morse (D)
Tom McClintock (R–Incumbent)
Steven Castellano (R)

Florida 6th District
Primary - August 28, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Robert Coffman (D)
Nancy Soderberg (D)
Fred Costello (R)
Jimmy Johns (R)
Jeremy Kelly (R)
Michael Waltz (R)
John Ward (R)

Iowa 1st District
Primary - June 5, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Abby Finkenauer (D)
Thomas Heckroth (D)
George Ramsey (D)
Courtney Rowe (D)
Rod Blum (R–Incumbent)
Henry Gaff (Green Party)

New Mexico 2nd District
Primary - June 5, 2018
Primary Candidates:
David Alcon (D)
Madeleine Hildebrandt (D)
Xochitl Torres Small (D)
Gavin Clarkson (R)
Clayburn Griffin (R)
Yvette Herrell (R)
Monty Newman (R)
Jack Volpato (R)

Nevada 3rd District
Primary - June 12, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Richard Hart (D)
Susie Lee (D)
Jack Love (D)
Guy Pinjuv (D)
Steve Schiavone (D)
Michael Weiss (D)
Eddie Hamilton (R)
Scott Hammond (R)
Stephanie Jones (R)
David McKeon (R)
Michelle Mortensen (R)
Victoria Seaman (R)

South Carolina 1st District
Primary - June 12, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Joe Cunningham (D)
Toby Smith (D)
Mark Sanford (R–Incumbent)
Katie Arrington (R)

Virginia 6th District
(GOP candidate selected—May 19)
Primary - June 12, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Sergio Coppola (D)
Jennifer Lewis (D)
Peter Volosin (D)
Ben Cline (R)
Cynthia Dunbar (R)
Mike Desjadon (R)
Chaz Haywood (R)
Ed Justo (R)
Kathryn Lewis (R)
Elliot Pope (R)
Douglas Wright (R)

Washington 8th District
Primary - August 7, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Poga Ahn (D)
Thomas Cramer (D)
Shannon Hader (D)
Robert Hunziker (D)
Brian Kostenko (D)
Brayden Olson (D)
Jason Rittereiser (D)
Kim Schrier (D)
Dino Rossi (R)
Bill Grassie (I)

West Virginia 2nd District
Primary - May 8, 2018
Primary Candidates:
Aaron Scheinberg (D)
Talley Sergent (D)
Alexander Mooney (R–Incumbent)

Source: Ballotpedia
Find out who’s running for office in your area here.
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In 2018, there are 33 seats up for election in the Senate—currently held by 23 Democrats, 8 Republicans, and 2 Independents. The following races are considered “battleground” or “elections to watch,” because they may affect the balance of power in the Senate. Pray for godly candidates to be chosen in these primaries for the ballot in the general election. Due to space limitations, we have listed only the leading contenders in these primary races. Source: Ballotpedia

**Arizona**  
Primary Date—August 28, 2018  
Jeff Flake—outgoing  

Primary Candidates:  
Kelli Ward (R)  
Martha McSally (R)  
Kyrsten Sinema (D)

**Missouri**  
Primary Date—August 7, 2018  
Clare McCaskill (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Angelica Earl (D)  
Josh Hawley (R)  
Courtland Sykes (R)

**Pennsylvania**  
Primary Date—May 15, 2018  
Bob Casey, Jr. (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Paul Addis (R)  
Lou Barletta (R)

**Florida**  
Primary Date—August 28, 2018  
Bill Nelson (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Expected to run: Rick Scott (R)

**Indiana**  
Primary Date—May 8, 2018  
Joe Donnelly (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Todd Rokrita (R)  
Luke Messer (R)

**Montana**  
Primary Date—June 5, 2018  
Jon Tester (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Troy Downing (R)  
Russell C. Fagg (R)  
Matt Rosendale (R)

**West Virginia**  
Primary Date—May 8, 2018  
Joe Manchin (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Evan Jenkins (R)  
Patrick Morrisey (R)

**Missouri**  
Primary Date—August 7, 2018  
Clare McCaskill (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Angelica Earl (D)  
Josh Hawley (R)  
Courtland Sykes (R)

**Nevada**  
Primary Date—June 12, 2018  
Dean Heller (R—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Jacky Rosen (D)

**Wisconsin**  
Primary Date—August 14, 2018  
Tammy Baldwin (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Kevin Nicholson (R)  
Leah Vukmir (R)

**Indiana**  
Primary Date—May 8, 2018  
Joe Donnelly (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Todd Rokrita (R)  
Luke Messer (R)

**North Dakota**  
Primary Date—June 12, 2018  
Heidi Heitkamp (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidate:  
Kevin Cramer (R)

**Ohio**  
Primary Date—May 8, 2018  
Sherrod Brown (D—Incumbent)

Primary Candidates:  
Mike Gibbons (R)  
Jim Renacci (R)

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Pray for these primaries and elections.

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February 27
Arizona 8th District special primary

March 6
Texas primary

March 13
Pennsylvania 18th District special election

March 20
Illinois primary

April 24
Arizona 8th District special election

May 8
Indiana primary
North Carolina primary
Ohio primary
West Virginia primary

May 15
Idaho primary
Nebraska primary
Oregon primary
Pennsylvania primary

May 22
Arkansas primary
Georgia primary
Kentucky primary
Texas primary runoff

June 5
Alabama primary
California primary
Iowa primary

Mississippi primary
Montana primary
New Jersey primary
New Mexico primary
South Dakota primary

June 12
Maine primary
Nevada primary
North Dakota primary
South Carolina primary
Virginia primary

June 19
Arkansas primary runoff
D.C. primary

June 26
Colorado primary
Maryland primary
Mississippi primary runoff
North Carolina primary runoff
New York primary
Oklahoma primary
South Carolina primary runoff
Utah primary

July 17
Alabama primary runoff
North Carolina primary runoff

July 24
Georgia primary runoff

August 2
Tennessee primary

August 7
Kansas primary
Michigan primary
Missouri primary
Washington primary

August 11
Hawaii primary

August 14
Connecticut primary
Minnesota primary
South Dakota primary runoff
Vermont primary
Wisconsin primary

August 21
Alaska primary
Wyoming primary

August 28
Arizona primary
Florida primary
Oklahoma primary runoff

September 6
Delaware primary

September 11
New Hampshire primary
Rhode Island primary

September 13
New York primary

September 18
Massachusetts primary

November 6
General Election
Louisiana primary

December 4
Georgia general election runoff

December 8
Louisiana general election

Source: Ballotpedia

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