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VOTE YOUR VALUES: Praying for Good Government in 2020



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In this important election year, the most fundamental questions about who we are and what is moral are underpinning all the debates and rhetoric. Who should answer these questions? The Church is designed to foster our spiritual lives, and the government our civil lives. Even so, the Bible indicates that the Church should guide our morals as well as our civics.

It is not God’s will to establish a theocracy. There does not need to be a “wall between church and state,” but there is a clear distinction in Scripture concerning the roles of church and state (government).

Government is not designed to bring spiritual leadership to a nation. The biblical qualifications of governmental leaders are very different from spiritual leaders, including the qualities of integrity, fearing God, and being respected.

Government is not the source of spiritual revival. Our President is correctly called Commander-in-Chief. He is not Pastor-in-Chief. Though we desire our presidents to be god-fearing, trustworthy, and full of integrity, we do not look to them as spiritual leaders.

A critical role of the top leader in any country is to champion and protect religious freedoms so the church can be the Church. His role is to ensure that moral issues are recognized

as moral issues and not political ones. We pray that every president has a personal relationship with Christ and walks closely in step with the Holy Spirit and in holiness, but we must not seek to rely on his spiritual influence.

Government has the God-given authority to do certain things, but cannot violate what the Founders called our unalienable rights. For example, God has given authority to governments to protect citizens and provide for the common good in regard to infrastructure and markets.

The Church is to influence government indirectly through the moral training of leaders and diplomats, but it is not to seek authority or validity from governments. God established the Church. And the Church stewards the nation, not the other way around.

The Church is commanded to influence government through prayer and intercession, cooperating with the will and plan of God. This is where Intercessors for America comes in—we inform, mobilize, and connect a growing community of people praying for the nation. In 2020, we are launching Vote Your Values, a prayer effort to encourage the Church to engage in this election so kingdom values will prevail, both in us and in our nation. Pray about how you can engage with your community to “vote your values.”



The Power of the Party Platforms



By Cynthia Dunbar,
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Many people choose party affiliation based on candidates. However, the party platform should be the deciding factor. The platform is the list of core beliefs adopted by each party. While elected officials may ignore these basic tenets of their party, they should still be our basis for party affiliation. We learn what the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian (or any) party actually believes from their publicly expressed views in their formally adopted platform. For example, what about life?

”We will support sexual and reproductive health and rights around the globe.

... [W]e believe that safe abortion must be part of comprehensive maternal and women’s health care and ... part of America’s global health programming.”
(Democrats)

“The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can “be deprived of life, liberty or property” deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that “all” are “endowed by their Creator” with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental

right to life which cannot be infringed.”
(Republicans)

I currently serve on the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Platform Committee in 2016. The platform of each party comes through the grassroots of its people. Suggestions percolate up for inclusion through formal adoption at the National Convention every 4 years. The RNC has 2 members from each state and territory serving on the Platform Committee—112 elected members who determine what is included in the party platform. How are these 112 chosen? First, they must be elected as delegates to the National Convention. Each state has a different number of delegates, but there are 3 selected from each State’s Congressional District, along with more elected statewide. From this pool of state delegates are those who run for election to the Convention Committees. Please pray that godly people will run for, and be elected to, these positions, and for the core beliefs in the party’s platforms to honor God. Pray also about whether God is calling *you* to get involved in influencing your party.

First Friday Prayer

March 6, 2020

On the first Friday of every month we encourage intercessors to fast and pray for America using the prayer focuses below.

VOTE YOUR VALUES

Pray that Christians will be mobilized to pray and become involved in the election process as the Lord leads. *(Col 3:23)* Pray that Christians would discern what is good and right in the Lord’s eyes. *(Rom 12:2)* Pray for voting that honors God and is true to His Word. *(Hos 14:9)*

PARTY PLATFORMS

Pray for the influence of the Holy Spirit in the development of the party platforms. *(Jn 16:13)* Pray about the process of electing delegates for each party—that it would be fair and just and that God would place Christians in influential roles to influence the party platforms. *(1 Cor 10:31, 33)*

POLITICAL RALLIES

Pray for protection and safety at political rallies. *(Ps 91)* Pray for righteous ideas to be proposed and championed. *(Prv 29:2)* Pray for truthful speech and for lies to be exposed. *(Prv 3:5)* Pray that the plans of the enemy to use political rallies for his purposes would be thwarted. *(1 Cor 15:47)*



In Memory of William Lee



By George Taylor,
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A longtime Intercessors for America staff member, Bill Lee, went to his heavenly home on December 31, 2019. He faithfully worked for IFA for more than 30 years. Bill's roots go back to the start of IFA. He knew Derek Prince, an IFA founder, and in God's perfect providence, Bill's connection with IFA in Loudoun County was a marriage made in heaven. Bill connected with IFA by doing video work at our first Virginia conference. He was already an ambassador for Christ; he had influence for unity among churches and was widely respected. He quickly became an ambassador for IFA. In his humility, he never sought promotion or a leadership position, yet he traveled in the company of leaders, including a pathway directly to Capitol Hill. His technical video skills opened doors of service to other ministries in the metro D.C. region, but he never lost sight of his calling and commitment to IFA. He became

IFA's hands-on technician, and at the same time became God's instrument in preparing the prayer letter for mailing, now this publication, *The Connector*. He also produced many other resources that have strengthened IFA members all across the United States. A particular passion of his was Pray with Others, which we added in 2019. He loved hearing and agreeing with the heartfelt prayers of intercessors. It's important to note that Bill didn't become an intercessor by joining his talents to IFA. He was already a man of prayer. His heart was for people, and when the staff met for prayer, he prayed with both passion and compassion.

Bill was gracious and patient under pressure. He remained calm, cheerful, and pleasant, and worked diligently to make necessary changes. He was a blessing to work with in many ways. One thing Bill did every day was to ask every staff member if we wanted him to pick up something for us when he went out to lunch. He never failed in this kindness and this seemingly small thing encouraged us significantly.

Bill's work ethic was outstanding and notable. He was dedicated to his work, upright in character and conduct, and trustworthy in keeping his word. He was flexible, cooperative, and loyal when taking on many different responsibilities over 30 years of ministry. We give thanks for the contributions of Bill Lee's life and that in God's grace we were privileged to share in a life given over to God. We will miss Bill, but we are grateful for the blessings his life and his gifts brought to us.

PRAYER FOR AMERICA IN A CRITICAL ELECTION YEAR

Pray for the Church to see the need to repent of personal and national sins in the fear of the Lord.

(2 Chr 7:14; 1 Jn 1:9; Prv 9:10)

Pray for more of God's presence to be experienced in your community and our nation.

(Ps 16:11; 2 Cor 3:17)

Pray that Christians across the nation will persist in seeking God's purpose for America beyond the elections, and that God, in His mercy, will usher in transforming revival.

(Ez 37; Ps 42:1)

Pray for divine protection over our nation during the critical upcoming elections.

(Prv 3:5; Ps 91)

Pray that candidates who know Christ would openly and courageously speak of their faith and stand firm on their biblical principles.

(Mt 5:13-16)

Pray for elections to be fair, honest, and without corruption.

(Prv 16:13)

Pray for our nation to elect leaders who fear God.

(Ex 18:21)

PRAYER FOR AMERICA IN A CRITICAL ELECTION YEAR

Pray for our leaders to seek solutions for our communities and nation that can only come from the Lord.

(Ps 33:12)

Pray that Americans would recognize that government is appointed by God and is thereby designed to accomplish His purposes.

(Rom 13:1)

Father, we pray that the electorate would discern truth in the fear of the Lord, not judging by what they see with their eyes or deciding by what they hear with their ears, but in righteousness and justice. We pray that those who walk in truth will be known by their fruit and the rebellious would stumble in their ways. Do not allow us to be conformed to the patterns of this world but be transformed in our thinking, testing all things by Your Word and Your Spirit. Help Your people to mature in discernment, distinguishing good from evil. Give us leaders who rightly discern Your Truth so they can lead citizens in righteousness and virtue.

(Is 11:3-4; Hos 14:9; Rom 12:2; Heb 5:14)

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What People Are Saying

Lord Jesus, "This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is because of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." (Lam 3:21-24 KJV) Thank you that you are faithful & true and that your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom! We ask that righteousness would prevail in our nation and that all corruption and unrighteousness would be exposed and removed in the name of Jesus. Amen. — *Don*

Father God Almighty, you ARE in control of our lives and of this dear country. Please light a fire among all who believe in you, that we will listen for your still small voice, and that we will gladly obey you at any cost. May love, grace, mercy, freedom, and righteousness prevail. Arm those believers who have been called to serve in politics with courage and vision to uphold your holy name, dear God! May the truth of your Word prevail in all branches of government! In Jesus's most holy name, I pray! — *Elisabeth*

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