

Election Spiritual Warfare Prayer: National Offices

It is of utmost importance as we approach today's prayer that we remember we are not praying for personal vengeance. We are not trying to ask God to act on behalf of our personal frustration(s). We are praying that God would uphold civic righteousness and bring forth judgment that would result in salvation and repentance, or removal of those officials who continue to use their power and authority to mock God's law, promote evil, oppress the powerless, support human destruction through abortion and euthanasia, interfere with the free exercise of our religious faith, silence the free-speech of those who want to stand for God, truth and righteousness, and use power to illegitimately crush political descent. So, our hearts desire is that our civil servants would fear God, respect His law, respond to the gospel for salvation, repent from their evil ways, and seek righteousness - both for their personal wellbeing and for human flourishing in our society.

Our scripture reading is:

2 CHRONICLES 16:9 *For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.*

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4 *First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

PSALM 145:17-20 *The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works. 18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. 20 The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.*

Our prayer focus will be on... FEDERAL OFFICIALS

President

Vice President

Secretary Of State

Senators

Congressmen

Supreme Court Justices

(List any other groups or persons here)

Let's be sure to include in our prayer these three elements:

1. We pray for blessing on those whose hearts desire to follow God (V11-12). These are those who are presently or if elected will make decisions that promote civic righteousness and are consistent with God's will ("the laws of nature and nature's God") so that we can live, worship God, and practice our faith peacefully, safely, and in a God-honoring, morally excellent manner, unhindered by government intrusion.

2. We pray an imprecatory prayer (V1-10) for those whose hearts are hard towards God. These are the officials who are presently in office or are candidates who are running for office who promote further unrighteousness, injustice, abuse their power, and oppress God's people, and oppose God's will as revealed in the laws of nature and nature's God; so we pray that they will repent, receive Christ for salvation, and reverse course; or be removed **by God**, either miraculously as an act of God's righteous judgment or by the election process. Our preferred outcome would be that they would come to faith in Christ, receive eternal life, and pursue righteousness personally and in their public policy.

3. Finally, let's qualify our prayer with surrender to God's sovereignty - that God's will would be done in this next election, not our will. Remember, when we pray for God's righteousness to be revealed and judgment to fall upon those who are doing evil, we surrender to the will of God in the matter. We express our desire for immediate justice, and then we conclude our prayer by affirming, "not my will, but thy will be done."

The scripture we will be praying today is:

PSALM 5:1b-12

Here is the passage from God's Word that we will be praying over the Federal Officials listed above. Please feel free to add any other federal officials that you want to bring before God in prayer.

*Read through this passage (Psalm 5) **reflectively**, at least one time (you may want to read it a number of times in different translations) and then pray it, putting your name in the place of the psalmist's.

PSALM 5:1b-12 *Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. 2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. 7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. 8 Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face. 9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. 10 Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You...*

...11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. 12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

Here is an example of what today's prayer might look like (you are free to use any style or arrangement you like, as long as you incorporate Psalm 5):

“Dear Heavenly Father, I come before you today, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank you that you love me, that you will never leave me nor forsake me, and that you invite me to come boldly to Your throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help in my time of need. Oh Lord God, I ask today that you would *Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. 2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.* So, I bring before you today the officials of our federal government beginning with the President, and Vice President, Secretary of State, Senators in the US Senate, Congressman in the US Congress, and our Supreme Court Justices. I ask that you will search their hearts, for You have spoken through Jeremiah Your prophet (17:10): *I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.* So, I pray that you deal with them, according to the truth of what you find in them. *4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; You LORD abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. 7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your Heavenly holy temple. 8 Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face,* that I may offer this prayer according to your will, on behalf of the federal officials in our government. Specifically, Lord, I am concerned about those whose heart is far from you, who practice unrighteousness, who promote wickedness and evil,...

...and appear to be hard-hearted and stiff necked; so for these officials who repudiate, by their words and actions, civil righteousness, Lord, I pray as your servant David prayed, that You will *10 Pronounce those government officials guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; and be undone by their own wicked plans. Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, for they have rebelled against You!* Additionally I pray that they will repent, receive Christ for salvation, and reverse course; or be removed **by You God**, either miraculously as an act of Your righteousness or by this election process. But Lord, I rejoice in those federal government officials whose heart is turned towards you. Those who are saddened by public unrighteousness and the compounding evils in our nation. So Almighty Father, I ask that you would comfort, protect, and elevate their voice for your glory and the general public's good. Please Lord, *let all those officials rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. 12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.* In the name and worthiness of my Lord Jesus Christ I pray that Your Will, not my will be done, **Amen.**”

I hope you found this example helpful. And as I said before, you're free to use whatever format you like.

This concludes today's prayer. If you have prayed this prayer sincerely then you have completed your first day in the heat of the spiritual war that we're engaged in! GOD BLESS YOU!

Let's stay Faithful, Grateful, And Humble.