

## **Scripture Prayer Prompts: Elections, Governments & Politics**

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. *Matthew 7:7-8*

### **Pray for:**

#### **God's Kingdom to Come**

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

*Matthew 6:33*

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

*Philippians 3:20*

#### **The good news of Jesus to remain central**

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Matthew 28:16-20*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*John 3:16&17*

...But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1b&2*

#### **God's Wisdom for those making decisions and those voting**

...accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding...then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

*Proverbs 2:1-8*

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

*James 1:5*

#### **Those God has particularly told us to look out for**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

*Psalms 82:3&4*

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the World.

*James 1:27*

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

**God's World to be recognised and treated as such**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

*Psalm 24:1&2*

**Those with a responsibility before God for their authority**

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. *Romans 13:1&2*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

*1 Timothy 2:1&2*

**For those entrusted with responsibility for churches**

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

*Hebrews 13:17*

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should.

*Colossians 4:2-4*

**For ourselves, and unity even with differing political views**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

*John 13:34&35*

I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 121:1&2*

"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

*Isaiah 41:9b- 10*

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*Isaiah 6:8*