

PRAYER GUIDE 24-7 PRAYER MOVEMENT OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020

PRAYING FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION – Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

Here are some simple ways you can lift up our nation to the Lord in prayer.

- Pray that Christians across our nation will take advantage of their God-given right and vote for candidates who will stand for Biblical values.
- Pray that godly men and women will be elected to public office in all levels of leadership—local, state, and national. Ask the Lord to give all your elected officials wisdom as they govern.
- Pray for the specific issues facing your neighborhood and community.
- Pray that God will continue to bless Christians with the right to openly practice our faith.
- Pray that God will change the hearts of leaders and officials who are far from Him. “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” —1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, ESV

7 WAYS TO PRAY THROUGH AN ELECTION - By Dave Butts

Here are seven specific ways to pray through the election process! If you haven't already voted early, here are 7 specific ways to pray through this process before, during and after election day! If you have already voted, use this guide to pray for others as they vote!

Pray before you vote:

1. **Ask God to give you a desire to get out and vote even if you don't feel like it.** *“The good influence of godly citizens causes a city to prosper, but the moral decay of the wicked drives it downhill”* (Proverbs 11:11 TLB). We often have the mentality, especially in local elections, that voting isn't really very important or that our vote is just one of many and couldn't possibly make a

difference; however, it is especially important for Christians to express the heart and life of Jesus Christ through their votes! Don't think that it doesn't matter, because it does! There may be a critical issue that your city or county is voting on that will change the moral culture of your community! The people running for mayor, city council, etc. will affect you and your family through their lives, their beliefs and their authority. You want godly people to be in places of influence. Be sure your voice is heard – don't stay home!

Pray as you vote:

- 2. Ask God to open your eyes.** Sometimes we can get in a hurry and/or be distracted during the voting process. It is important to stay focused and to stay aligned with what God is showing you to do: *“Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you've got, be resolute...”* (1 Corinthians 16:13 MSG).
- 3. Ask God to help you be Christlike to anyone you come into contact with no matter their political party or preference.** *“...for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world...”* (Philippians 2:13-15 NASB).
- 4. Demonstrate the life of Jesus as you wait in line, perhaps running the gauntlet of those trying to convince you to vote for a certain person or for a particular side in a referendum, etc.** When you speak to the election officials be sure to thank them for their selfless service – they work long hours. Take time to pray for them to have endurance, patience and kindness...perhaps as you wait in line. As you enter or exit the polling place, if someone is unkind or rude to you, don't allow the Devil to tempt you to sin with your response. Instead, shine the light of Jesus and pray for that person.

- 5. Ask God for the strength to pray for those who are running for office that you don't agree with. Ask Him to help you not to criticize and judge, but to love, and to replace anger with kindness.** *"Don't criticize and speak evil about each other, dear brothers. If you do, you will be fighting against God's law of loving one another, declaring it is wrong. But your job is not to decide whether this law is right or wrong, but to obey it. Only he who made the law can rightly judge among us. He alone decides to save us or destroy. So what right do you have to judge or criticize others"* (James 4:11-12 TLB)? God loves every person passionately. Even those who disobey Him or who do not follow His commands. You can ruin a good opportunity to be a living testimony for Jesus if you speak badly about others. Instead, pray for those whom you disagree with and who disagree with you, and for those who persecute you or think poorly of you because of your beliefs. *"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you"* (Luke 6:27-28 NASB).

Pray after you vote:

- 6. Commit to pray for those who have won different offices, even if your candidate didn't win.** *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:1-4 NIV).

Pray that those elected to public office will carry out their duties with honor, honesty, moral uprightness and truthfulness. Pray that those who don't know Jesus as Savior and Lord will come to know Him in all His fullness! Pray also for their families!

- 7. Thank the Lord for freedom and for the opportunity to live in a nation where you have a voice in electing officials and voting on issues that affect our lives and our culture.** *"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery"* (Galatians 5:1 NASB). We should never take this privilege and responsibility lightly, but continually give thanks for our freedom to have a say in our government.

CITY & GOVERNMENT

Chief Hwang's Message:

A week ago, there was an ambush, an attempted assassination of two Los Angeles County Deputies, which is another grim reminder of the constant dangers of the police profession. These types of senseless attack on police are occurring more often in our society. I am grateful everyday of the unwavering commitment of officers who are willing to put themselves in harm's way to serve and protect others. I know that our citizens, without a doubt, are grateful for the courage and bravery during these unprecedented times in our nation.

It has been a difficult and challenging year. Currently, we are still dealing with serious coronavirus disease, and anti-police movements; which is a lot to deal with all at once. Some people dehumanize police officers and fail to recognize that police officers, like the people we serve, are fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, daughters, and sons. Without question officers should be looked upon as "heroes", extraordinary people called upon to do the very difficult job of protecting others in a free society. We can also agree that officers who violate their oath of office have no place in our police agencies. They betray their fellow officers and tarnish the reputation of a profession that is dedicated to protecting the public and preserving the sanctity of life.

While the calls for change are loud, we must never lose sight of the fact that the overwhelming majority of the men and women in the policing profession chose to become police officers in order to do good, to protect our communities, and to serve their fellow citizens. While we all certainly recognize and agree that changes will be made, we cannot and should not let the profession be painted with a broad brush that highlights only the bad and overlook the immense amount of good that is done by officers in communities across our country every day.

Collectively, we have a real challenge ahead. The civil unrest following the death of George Floyd is a painful reminder to all who strive for justice that significant work remains before us. While the focus is policing, it will take

all of us to develop and implement systemic solutions to build safer, more just communities. To truly have a just society, we must address the social and social economic issues that is plaguing our society. Those include inequities in education, substance abuse and drug addiction, capacity to address people suffering from mental health illness, homelessness, and poverty.

Once again, I want to thank you and many others for the prayers that lift up our law enforcement staff. We always appreciate the prayers of gratitude. We receive heaven's help and protection in enumerable ways and we are grateful recipients of that divine care.

We have four prayer requests, which seem to be constant for us:

1. First, the community's protectors need *protection*. As we strive to serve the people, our protection comes from essentially only two sources: solid, realistic training; and, more importantly, the hand of Providence. We aren't afraid to acknowledge the Latter. We know that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much (James 5: 16).
2. Pray specific for a safe community and continued reduction in crime.
3. Prayers for families in Federal Way. A high percentage of violent individuals grow up in abusive, neglectful households, with lack of positive role models in their lives. This is by far one of the worst issues facing our community.
4. Prayers for Mayor Ferrell, Council President Honda, the entire Council, and other policy group leaders in our community.

Thank you, again, for your support.

Faithfully,

Andy J. Hwang
Chief of Police
Federal Way Police Department

EDUCATION

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Dr. Campbell continually for wisdom and courage to lead well in these unusual times.
- Pray for teachers, office staff and other staff at all our FWPS for wisdom how to negotiate teaching our children either in school, online, at home or a combination to deter an outbreak of COVID-19.
- Pray (continue MUCH MORE NOW) that R-90 will strike down the immoral Comprehensive Sex Education curriculum that was signed to start in 2021. Also pray that they do not allow a revised history of our country via the 1619 Project to dominate our curriculums. But to teach honest and truthful aspect of our country's history both good and bad.
- Pray for the children who have yet to return to school as to when they do, and how that will function, to adjust. That our scholars will continue to learn to be good, knowledgeable and capable citizens in our community and society.
- Pray for the safety of all the students whether they are home, or as to when they would return to the school.
- Pray for parents and guardians that have had to take a role to train their children at home to be more involved in the educational curriculums and values that are being taught. That they would speak out against that which is against their moral and religious values.
- Pray for God's Presence to be known in every FWPS building. God still has His witnesses there among the teachers and staff. Declare: "For where two or three come together in My Name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

- Pray and declare over our FWPS system and children from solid Christian homes: "Come, My children, listen to Me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord" (Psalm 34:11).
- Pray for good financial stewardship concerning the financial resources and assets for school programs and facilities.
- Pray for children from solid Christian homes to be His witnesses in the schools. Children can proclaim Jesus by various means where teachers, parents and staff may not be able to. Pray and proclaim God's Word over education: "Come, My children, listen to Me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord" (Psalm 34:11).

BUSINESS

Praise reports:

- God provides for us. It is He who gives us the capacity to make wealth. (Deut. 8:18)
- Our land is a prosperous one and business opportunities are always available.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for the landlords in our community. Many people have lost jobs or had their hours greatly reduced. This puts pressure on tenants and causes them to not pay their rent or be late paying. Ask God to give these owners and managers great wisdom and creativity in managing their cash flow and working out compassionate payment terms for their tenants.
- Many small businesses are struggling with the aftermath of the COVID 19 pandemic. Ask God to give them vision to see ways to restore their businesses to prosperity and their employee teams to regular hours.
- Our national economy has entered uncharted territory. Pray for God's peace over the financial markets. That they would be orderly and remain a positive influence on the U.S. and global economies.

- Economies, the production and distribution of goods and services, function best in settings of political and environmental peace. Ask God to restore a stable and peaceful business environment.

HEALTH

Praise Reports

- The Covid-19 death curve in Washington has gone down considerably from earlier in the Covid-19 season.
- We are much closer to a vaccine for Covid-19
- Federal Way has had a very low number of deaths to Covid-19

Prayer Reports

- Prayer for our federal and local governing officials that they make wise decision for the health of our community
- Pray for the vulnerable in our community who are more susceptible to contracting COVID-19
- Pray that the Lord uses the pandemic to draw people to Himself.
- Pray for President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the Coronavirus Task Force. Pray for God to give them wisdom on how to lead our Country through this COVID-19 virus.
- Pray for all the first responders and Doctors and Nurses who are caring for those with the COVID-19 virus all around the world. Pray the Lord gives them wisdom and skill to care for all those infected with this virus. Pray for their safety from this virus, and for the safety of their families.
- Pray that God will provide a cure for the COVID-19 virus very soon.
- Pray for those sick around the world with the COVID-19 virus and their families. Pray the Lord will comfort all those who lost loved ones to this virus.

CHURCH

Praise Reports:

The churches of Federal Way just finished 16 weeks of feeding 20,000 lbs. of food on average every Thursday to multiple apartment complexes, neighborhoods, churches, and charities.

Churches have been creative in doing outdoor services, home churches, and new services in the building to reach, connect, and disciple people.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for pastors to have wisdom to navigate their own personal health and well-being through Covid-19 season.
- Pray for pastors to have wisdom in regards to the new direction of ministry for their churches in order to be highly effective in raising up strong disciples of Christ.
- Pray that God's people would not sink into depression and discouragement with the season of isolation.
- Pray that the church would be unleashed to bring hope by all possible means to a fearful world.
- Pray for a Great 3rd Awakening in America as the church follows 2 Chronicles 7:14. "If my people who are called my Name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins, and heal their land."
- Pray for the churches to be deployed to meet the tangible physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs of our community.
- Pray for the gift of faith and the gifts of healings to operate throughout the church to see the major healings from this pandemic.
- Pray for house churches to expand and grow all throughout the NW

MEDIA

Prayer Requests:

- Pray to silence the agenda of the media that is promoting fear, violence and dissent in our land.
- Pray that truth, honesty and righteousness would be reported.
- Pray that the church speak the truth in love and stand on Jesus and His Word through all their social media forms.

MISSIONS

Praise Reports:

- Worship revivals called “Let us worship” are springing up in major cities across America lead by Sean Feucht.
- “The Return” Prayer and Fasting event occurred September 18-28 and convened on the National Mall with thousands upon thousands of people to seek the Lord for our country.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Covid-19 world missions needs to be met in an increased fashion through the American churches.
- Pray for world-wide revival that influences every sector of society.
- Pray for the movement called “Saturate the Sound” to have far reaching influence to equip the churches to effectively reach people for Christ.
- Pray for the “Let us Worship” with Sean Feucht events to stir up a passion for God’s Presence and revival in our major cities across America.