



## PRAYER GUIDE FOR CANDIDATES

Interceding for Those Who Seek to Serve

This guide focuses on interceding for individuals who are running for public office at all levels of government. Whether they are first-time candidates or seasoned politicians, use these prayers to ask God to shape their character, protect them during campaigns, and prepare them for faithful service, if elected.

*"The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will." - Proverbs 21:1 (ESV)*

### 1 PRAYER FOR GODLY CANDIDATES TO STEP FORWARD

Sovereign Lord, we pray that You would raise up men and women of integrity, wisdom, and godly character to seek public office. Call forth those who have pure motives – not seeking power or personal gain – but genuinely desiring to serve the people and honor You. Open their hearts to consider how they might use their gifts and influence to advance righteousness and justice in our land.

**Scripture Foundation:** *"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'" - Isaiah 6:8 (ESV)*

### 2 PRAYER FOR CANDIDATES' CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY

Holy God, we pray for all candidates currently running for office. Shape their character to reflect Your nature. Convict them of any dishonesty, corruption, or selfish ambition. Grant them the courage to speak truthfully even when it may cost them votes. May their private lives align with their public positions, and may they be people of their word. Surround them with wise counselors who will encourage righteousness.

**Scripture Foundation:** *"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them." - Proverbs 11:3 (ESV)*

### 3 PRAYER FOR WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT

God of All Wisdom, grant divine wisdom to each candidate as they develop their positions on important issues. Help them understand the complexities of governance and the far-reaching consequences of policy decisions. Give them discernment to know right from wrong according to Your standards, not merely popular opinion. May they seek Your will above political expedience.

**Scripture Foundation:** *"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." - James 1:5 (ESV)*

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## 4 PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AND STRENGTH

Our Refuge and Strength, we ask for Your protection over all candidates and their families. Shield them from physical harm, emotional attacks, and spiritual warfare. Protect their reputations from false accusations, while also exposing any true wrongdoing. Give them strength to endure the rigors of campaigning and the attacks that come with public service. Surround them with Your favor as with a shield.

**Scripture Foundation:** *"But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you."* - Psalm 5:11 (ESV)

## 5 PRAYER FOR HUMBLE SERVICE

Servant King, instill in each candidate a heart of genuine service. Help them remember that leadership is about serving others, not being served. Keep them from pride, arrogance, and the corrupting influence of power. May they approach their potential roles with humility, recognizing that all authority comes from You and that they are accountable to You for how they use it.

**Scripture Foundation:** *"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all."* - Mark 10:43-44 (ESV)

## 6 PRAYER FOR CLEAR COMMUNICATION

Lord of Truth, help candidates communicate clearly and honestly about their positions and qualifications. Give them the ability to articulate complex issues in ways that voters can understand. Protect them from saying things they don't mean in the heat of campaigning, and help them avoid promises they cannot keep. May their words build up, rather than tear down.

**Scripture Foundation:** *"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."* - Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)



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## PRAYER FOR FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

Provider God, we pray for integrity in campaign financing and protection from corrupt financial arrangements. Protect candidates from the temptation to compromise their values for financial support or make promises about future votes in exchange for donations. Give them wisdom in choosing donors and accepting contributions. Help them understand that accepting money with strings attached undermines their ability to serve the people faithfully.

Guard them against:

**Quid Pro Quo Arrangements:** Protect them from agreeing to vote certain ways in exchange for campaign contributions or other financial benefits.

**Compromising Donors:** Give them discernment to recognize when potential supporters expect improper influence over their future decisions.

**Future Vote Trading:** Keep them from making commitments about how they will vote on specific issues in exchange for campaign support.

Help them be good stewards of campaign funds, transparent in their financial dealings, and free from owing favors that would compromise their integrity once in office. May they trust in You as their Provider rather than compromising their principles for financial security.

**Scripture Foundation:** *"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"* - Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

## PRAYER FOCUS AREAS BY CAMPAIGN PHASE

### Pre-Campaign

- Pray for God to call forth qualified candidates
- Pray for candidates to seek wise counsel before announcing
  - Pray for proper motivation and realistic expectations

### Campaign Launch

- Pray for clear communication of platforms and positions
- Pray for honest assessment of qualifications and readiness
  - Pray for building the right team of advisors and staff

### Campaign Season

- Pray for endurance and maintaining integrity under pressure
  - Pray for respectful interaction with opponents
  - Pray for truthful advertising and communications

### Final Weeks

- Pray for peace about outcomes beyond their control
  - Pray for preparation for both victory and defeat
- Pray for continued focus on service rather than winning



*"Let every person be  
subject to the governing  
authorities. For there is no  
authority except from God,  
and those that exist have  
been instituted by God."*

ROMANS 13:1 (ESV)