

A Minnesota statewide
Prayer Initiative for the 2018 Election
Local, State & National levels

GOD'S RESTORATION OF MINNESOTA

Prayer Warriors,

The 2018 election is much more than a political battle – it's a spiritual battle. One must remember our battle is NOT against flesh and blood, but against demonic powers. As prayer warriors we need to fight on our knees as we pray. God's word does not return void. The Holy Spirit has impressed upon me and other prayer leaders the importance of praying into the 2018 elections specific prayer topics and corresponding Bible verses. What we do in Minnesota has great impact upon our state and has national implications. Join us and be part of history as we pray for Minnesota and our nation. May the Lord God richly bless you for your prayers.

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Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:11-12 (NIV)

Though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretense that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

They overcame him (the accuser of our brothers) by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony. Revelation 12:11 (NIV)

Zechariah 4:6 • Isaiah 54:17-18 • Psalm 91

1. GOD IS RESTORING HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS BY ADVANCING HIS KINGDOM

We pray because God is righteous, sovereign and eternal.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. Psalm 145:13 (NIV)

- a. Matthew 6:10
- b. Matthew 19:26
- c. Lamentations 3:22-23
- d. Malachi 3:6
- e. Psalm 5:4
- f. Psalm 103:19
- g. Psalm 24
- h. Daniel 2:20-22
- i. Proverbs 14:34

2. GOD’S WORD

God’s righteous standards - Power of the Word

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of the soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (RSV)

- a. Psalm 119:9-11 & 105
- b. Isaiah 55:6-11
- c. Jeremiah 1:12
- d. Proverbs 30:5
- e. Isaiah 59:21
- f. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- g. Deuteronomy 30:11-16
- h. Hebrews 11:3
- i. Joshua 1:8

3. REPENTANCE

Repent for offenses against God and man.

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” Matthew 4:17 (RSV)

- a. 2 Chronicles 7:14-15
- b. Joel 2:12-13
- c. Psalm 32:1-5
- d. Psalm 51:1-4 & 10
- e. Mark 1:15
- f. John 16:8-11
- g. Proverbs 28:13
- h. 1 Peter 2:1-3
- i. 1 Peter 4:17-18

- j. James 5:16
- k. 2 Corinthians 7:10

4. GOD’S GREAT COMMANDMENT

Love God - Love others – Pass it on

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:36-39 (RSV)

- a. Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- b. Matthew 22:37-39
- c. I John 4:7-12

5. GOD’S GREAT COMMISSION

That none should perish

The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (RSV)

- a. Matthew 18:21-22
- b. Matthew 28:18-20
- c. Mark 16:15-16
- d. Luke 24:45-48
- e. Romans 10:8-15
- f. Romans 12:2-3
- g. John 3:16
- h. Ephesians 1:17-18

6. RESTORED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND PEOPLE

God did what people could not do: He came – He saved – He opened the door

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:3-4 (RSV)

- a. Matthew 6:33
- b. Romans 1:16-17
- c. Romans 8:1-4 & 14-16
- d. Galatians 4:4-7
- e. Ephesians 2:1-10

7. UNITY

Willingness to be humble as Christ is - Willingness to accept the diversity in the body of Christ

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (RSV)

- a. 1 Peter 3:8-9
- b. 1 Corinthians 2:2
- c. Proverbs 18:19
- d. John 12:32
- e. Psalm 133:1
- f. Ephesians 4:3
- g. Acts 2:1
- h. John 17:21-23
- i. Philippians 2:3-5
- j. 2 Chronicles 30:12

8. ELECTION INTEGRITY

Candidates: Character – Honorable campaigns - Wise, truthful presentation of issues.

Voters: Informed – Discerning - VOTE.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for thee. Psalm 25:21 (RSV)

- a. Luke 12:2- 3 & 11–12
- b. Isaiah 61:3
- c. Psalm 1:1-3
- d. Jeremiah 17:7-8
- e. Colossians 1:9-14
- f. Philippians 1:9-11
- g. Exodus 18:20-21
- h. Ezra 7:25
- i. 2 Chronicles 19:5-7

9. PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Those in authority now (US and MN government) - Those who will be elected - Servant leaders - Qualified to do the job

I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone – 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 men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

PREAMBLE TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION:

We the people of the state of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings and secure the same to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

- a. Ecclesiastes 12:13–14
- b. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 & 21-22
- c. Proverbs 2:1-15
- d. Proverbs 29:2
- e. Proverbs 9:10
- f. Colossians 1:9-14

10. ISSUES

He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 (RSV)

- **Uphold the Constitution**
 - Isaiah 33:22
 - Exodus 18:21
 - 2 Chronicles 14:4 & 7
 - Ezra 7:25
 - 1 John 3:4
 - 1 Corinthians 14:33
 - 1 Timothy 1:8-9a
- **Immigration**
 - Leviticus 19:33-34
 - Exodus 23:9
 - Acts 17:26
 - Deuteronomy 32:8
- **Racial Harmony**
 - 1 John 4:18-21
 - Romans 12:2 & 9-21
 - Colossians 3:12-15
 - Proverbs 15:1
- **Pro-Life** - Value of life - Made in God’s image - From conception to death
 - Psalm 139:13-16
 - Proverbs 31:8
 - Ephesians 2:10
- **Marriage**
 - Ephesians 5:28-31
 - Hebrews 13:4
 - Mark 10:6-9
 - 1 Corinthians 7:3
- **Security**
 - Isaiah 2:3-5
 - Nehemiah 1:3-5
 - Nehemiah 4:6

- Nehemiah 6:15-16
- Psalm 127:1
- Psalm 121:8

- **Justice**
 - Psalm 11:7
 - Isaiah 56:1-2
 - Isaiah 10:1-2

- **Gender Identity**
 - Genesis 1:27-28
 - Genesis 2:18-25
 - Leviticus 21:1-3

- **Education**
 - Psalm 32:8
 - Proverbs 5:12-13
 - Proverbs 8:10-14
 - Proverbs 22:6
 - Exodus 18:20
 - Deuteronomy 6:6-9

- **Economic Prosperity**
 - Jeremiah 29:7
 - Psalm 132:15
 - Proverbs 8:18-21
 - Colossians 3:23-24
 - Isaiah 48:17
 - 2 Corinthians 9:8
 - Genesis 12:3

- **Fatherlessness** (Both absent, abandonment issues & the failure to teach children their value and purpose)
 - Malachi 4:6
 - Psalm 78:1-8
 - Ephesians 6:1-4
 - Psalm 10:14 & 18
 - Psalm 146:9
 - Proverbs 23:10-11

11. HOPE FOR THE FUTURE - GREAT AWAKENING

Call the Church to rise up - Be a voice of God’s purpose - Come together in unity as believers in Jesus

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Romans 13:11 (NIV)

- a. Psalm 33:20-22

- b. Romans 15:13
- c. Jeremiah 24:7
- d. Jeremiah 29:11-14
- e. Hosea 14:4

12. PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE, IS DOING, & WILL DO

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5 (RSV)

- a. Psalm 118:24
- b. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- c. Habakkuk 3:18-19
- d. Psalm 107:8-9
- e. Colossians 3:15-17
- f. Matthew 6:9-15
- g. Jude 24 & 25