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## Election Spiritual Warfare Prayer - State Officials

When praying these psalms, it is important to note that these psalms were not written out of vindictiveness or a desire for personal vengeance. On a personal level, we are to love our enemies (**Luke 6:27**: *“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”* This is why we pray for their salvation and harbor no personal animosity against them), but as a matter of their **public policy** positions, we don’t fund their campaigns or advocate for their election. Instead, we stand against the election of those who uphold and advance unrighteousness in society. So, the motivation of our prayers is that God's justice, sovereignty, and protection of righteousness would flourish. Consequently, the next eight days we will be waging spiritual warfare against unrighteousness and evil in our nation. We will be asking God to bring those who are openly promoting it to repentance and faith in Christ or that God would judicially remove them from office in this coming election - or at a minimum constrain their evil influence.

Let me reiterate... It is of utmost importance as we approach today’s prayer that we remember we are not praying for personal vengeance. We are not asking God to act on behalf of our personal frustration(s). **We are praying that God would uphold civic righteousness and move on behalf of righteousness by taking the necessary action that would result in salvation and repentance or removal from office in this election 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 dissent.

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Simply put, our heart's desire is that our State Civil Servants (and candidates) 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 of our society.

**Our Scripture reading is:**

**PROVERBS 15:3** *The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.*

**1 KINGS 8:61** *Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in His statutes and keeping His commandments.*

**DEUTERONOMY 31:6** *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.*

**PSALM 116:4-9** *Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!" 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful. 6 The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. 7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. 8 For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling. 9 I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living.*

**Our prayer focus will be on... STATE OFFICES & OFFICIALS**

Governor

Lt Governor

State Attorney General

State Controller

State Superintendent of Schools (and board members)

State Department of Health

State Supreme Court

*List any other groups or persons here)*

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

***\*\*I have modified them from yesterday's reading.\*\****

1. We pray for blessing, protection, encouragement, and influence for those whose hearts desire to follow God. 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. **(1 Timothy 2:1-4)**
2. We pray God takes action against unrighteousness - for those whose hearts are hard towards God. These are the officials who are presently in office or are candidates who are running who promote further unrighteousness, injustice, abuse their power, and oppress God's people, and suppress God's will. So, we pray that they will repent, receive Christ for salvation, and reverse course; or be removed **by God**, as an act of God's righteous judicial action through this election process.
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 stop those who are doing evil, we surrender to the will of God in the matter. We express our desire for righteous action, 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**

Today's passage from God's Word is the same as yesterday, since the officials that we will be praying over are the State Officials listed above instead of national. Please feel free to add any other state officials that you want to bring before God in prayer.

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\*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 so long as you incorporate Psalm 5).

“Dear heavenly Father, I come to you today, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. My heart is filled with gratitude and praise, because You have provided me all I need to stand in victory against Satan, his kingdom, and the evil principalities and powers of the spiritual realm. 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. ...*

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*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 state government beginning with our Governor and Lt Governor, State Attorney General, State Controller, State Superintendent of Schools (and board members), State Department of Health, and our State 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 state 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 of office 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 from office **by You, God**, as an act of Your righteousness through this election process. At a minimum Lord, I pray that you would constrain their influence and make their voices irrelevant. But Lord, I rejoice in those state 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. Lift them up as instruments of your peace, righteousness, and human flourishing, ...

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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 glory 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 second day in the heat of the spiritual war that we're engaged in! God Bless You!

Until tomorrow, let's stay Faithful, Grateful, And Humble.