

Prayer Theme: Election//Candidates

THEME OVERVIEW: 2015 is a significant year with the General Election in May. As Christians we are called to pray for our nation and for those in authority. Whatever political persuasion we have we want to see our nation led by men and women who seek the best for this country. We know that the best for this country is to follow the leading and guidance of God in all things. So let's take seriously our responsibility to pray for all those who are standing for election.

BIBLE VERSES:

Romans 13: 1-5 - *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.*

Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

Proverbs 3:3-4 - *let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favour and high esteem in the sight of God and man.*

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that candidates will recognise their responsibilities, the potential they have to affect great change and be mindful of the people they represent.
- Pray that they will be people of character, courage, wisdom, political ability and seek justice.
- Pray that there will be no manipulation or corruption in the process; that God will appoint the right people to the right places of influence and responsibility.

CREATIVE IDEAS/PRAYER ROOM:

- Go to www.engage15.org.uk and/or www.prayerfocus.today for more info and ideas on what to pray.
- Find out and display the info of your local candidates for people to pray with more insight and knowledge.