LIFT UP (100)

Prayer Theme: Election//Election Day

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. Elections give people a chance to make decisions about how their country is run. Holding free and fair elections is the most important ingredient in making any country a democracy. So let's take seriously our responsibility to pray on Election Day.

BIBLE VERSES:

Exodus 18:21 "Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens."

Ezra 10:4 Arise, for this matter is your responsibility...be of good courage and do it.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that voters will give thoughtful and, hopefully, prayerful consideration as to how they will vote.
- Ask God to ensure they will not ignore their responsibilities and the privilege of being able to cast a vote.
- Pray that candidates of God's choice will be the people's choice. Remember God often chooses someone that would not naturally be considered.
- Pray there will be no unwelcome incidents during voting.
- Ask God for good weather on election day so that people will not be deterred from voting.
- Thank God that elections are open and free.

CREATIVE IDEAS/PRAYER ROOM:

- Go to <u>www.engage15.org.uk</u> and/or <u>www.prayerfocus.today</u> for more info and ideas on what to pray.
- Where are the local polling stations? Can you get a small group together to prayer walk nearby on Election day?
- Follow local and national news updates as the results come in. You could have a radio/TV/Online set up for people to interact with.