

Call to Prayer 19-26 MAY 2019

FOR THE EUROPEAN, FEDERAL AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS 26 MAY 2019

"I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority..."

1 Timothy 2:1-2



PRAYER SUBJECTS

SUNDAY 19 MAY

1. Pray for Christians to apply the appeal **to pray** for the authorities (1 Tim. 2:1-2) in a more conscientious and faithful way (better to pray for them than to complain about them).
2. Pray for a stronger sense of awareness of the **responsibility** God gives us for our country to be salt that is salty (Mat. 5:13): for us to make our voices heard more often, by speaking or writing to politicians and leaders.
3. Pray for 'modern-day Daniels', i.e. Christians who have the anointing and wisdom to **engage in politics** and let their light shine (Mat. 5:16). That God brings His 'hidden servants' to the right place at the right time.

"He removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom unto the wise" (Daniel 2:21).

MONDAY 20 MAY

4. Pray for **Christian/believing politicians** you know, for God's protection and peace in their families, for wisdom when facing complex issues (Proverbs 8:16). Pray for Christian initiatives in politics to be given a hearing in the media.
5. Pray for people with Christian/healthy **values and respect** for the Lord to be elected, in all the parties, and that they would be open about this (Matt. 10:32). For strong **prophetic voices** to raise a barrier against the call to absolute freedom whereby all that is holy is pulled down.
6. For a new openness **to involve God in politics**; for humanism and secularism to no longer be the 'dominating ideologies'; for this taboo (the separation of private faith and politics) to be shattered.

TUESDAY 21 MAY

7. For statesmen who **value churches**, and who draw them actively into government policy: to put a stop to the voices that want to squeeze religion into the private sphere and, for example, abolish religious education at school.
8. Pray for those elected to serve as **an example** to others, for a transparent government clean of corruption, so that truth and justice reign, and that a concern for the people would prevail over the concerns of self-interest, parties or lobbyists.
9. Pray for authorities who will fight against evil, crime and terror effectively, and be able to maintain **peace, safety and order** (Rom.13:1-4).

"Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24).

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

10. Pray for a government that focuses on the **well-being** of the people, not just material prosperity: that quality of life (e.g. in the family and loving relationships) would not be sacrificed on the altar of the economy ('Mammon', 'always more'). For politicians to realise that they are also fathers and mothers of the people, not merely financial managers. Man does not live on bread alone ('jobs, jobs, jobs') (Matt.4:4), but has spiritual needs too.
11. Pray for a **social** policy that takes care of the weak in society: children, single mothers, refugees (migrants), handicapped people, the elderly... For all population groups to receive a fair share of attention.
12. Pray for a just and balanced **migration policy** in our country and in the EU: that, on the one hand, we will not shut ourselves off in collective selfishness or allow fear to be spread by extreme right-wing groups, but will show biblical hospitality towards foreigners (Lev. 19:33-34); and, on the other hand, that abuses will be exposed and the issue of human trafficking will be tackled.

THURSDAY 23 MAY

13. Ask God for the **media** in this democratic land to provide reports that are honest and respectful. For all embezzlement and injustice to be brought into the open, thereby pushing the values debate to the forefront.
14. For more **Christians in the media world**. For those who are already active in this area not to collapse under the commercial pressure to lower moral standards continuously and become more superficial.
15. Ask the Lord to thoroughly shake **the political parties**, so that people will drop out who have been found wanting; that hidden agendas and plans of secret organizations (e.g. freemasonry) will be brought into the open and will be thwarted (Psalm 33:10). Pray that 'the right people' will be elected, and that in the formation of a government afterwards the right people will be given a government position.

FRIDAY 24 MAY

16. Pray to God for a **family-friendly policy** that supports marriages and families, that affirms them positively (with infrastructures that are suitable for children, childcare, financial support, etc.) For more possibilities to combine the family with a job, for a more healthy rhythm of life.
17. Pray for the EU's **family policies**: that the 'gender movement' will not be able to further impose its LGBT-ideas, e.g. in sex education at school, and that the Christian vision on marriage, sexuality and family will be heard more clearly.

18. Pray that, in all debates on **ethical life issues**, the Biblical dignity of life will prevail absolutely, e.g. concerning (the extension of) euthanasia, surrogacy, anonymity of donor cells, genetic engineering.

SATURDAY 25 MAY

- 19. Pray for a **communitarian peace** in Belgium: for a healthy and equitable relationship between Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels. That the debate will not be polarised or inspired by direct political advantage, but by what is good for the people. That our national motto 'Unity makes power' may become a reality, and an example for many other nations.
- 20. Pray for the EU's **international policy**: for wisdom to mediate or reconcile in zones of conflict and/or war. Pray for generous development aid (0.7%!). For God's wisdom in the complex Brexit dossier. And that it will become clear what direction the EU itself should take.
- 21. Pray for a righteous attitude and a peace-making role toward **the Middle East** (Israel & Palestine); that the EU will not unilaterally take sides, will fight the rise of anti-Semitism and will not let the Jewish people down.

SUNDAY 26 MAY

- 22. For the government to protect our **youth** against the unrestrained stream of immorality and occult practices that overwhelm them.
- 23. Pray for people to become informed about the different candidates' programs and make conscious choices. For them to **vote** sensibly and with discernment, not pushed by self-interest, empty promises, high emotions, popular issues or the loudest voice.
- 24. Pray that, through these elections, **Jesus** might occupy His rightful place more and more in this country, for His Name to be hallowed once again, for His Kingdom to come, and His Will to be done (Matt.6:10).



Praying for the authorities is: speaking to the Highest Authority!

"For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory are yours, now and forever!"

(Matt. 6:13)

