

## Call to Prayer 7-14 OCTOBER 2018

### FOR THE LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 14 OCTOBER 2018



*"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 7 OCTOBER

1. Pray for Christians to apply the commission **to pray** for the authorities in a more conscientious and faithful manner (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.

#### MONDAY 8 OCTOBER

3. Pray for modern "Daniels", i.e. Christians who have the anointing and wisdom to **engage in politics** and let their light shine (Mat. 5:16).
4. Pray for **Christian/believing politicians** you know, for God's protection and peace in their families, for wisdom in difficult cases (Proverbs 8:16). Pray for Christian initiatives in politics, that their voices would be heard in the media.

#### TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER

5. Pray for people with **good values** and respect for the Lord to be elected, and that they would be open about this (Matt. 10:32). For strong **prophetic voices** to will stem the tide of 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. For statesmen who value churches positively, and who draw them actively into government policy.

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

## WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

7. 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.
8. Pray for authorities who will fight against evil and crime 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).*

## THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER

9. Pray for a government that focuses on the **well-being** of the people, not just material prosperity, that quality of life (e.g. family) would not be sacrificed on the altar of the economy ("Mammon"). 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.
10. Pray for a **social** policy that takes care of the weak in society: children, single mothers, refugees (migrants), handicapped people, the elderly, foreigners... Pray for instance for hospitality towards foreigners (Lev.19:33-34), and at the same time for a just policy regarding abuse. For all population groups to receive a fair share of attention.

## FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER

11. 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.
12. For more Christians in the world of media. 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.

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

## SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

13. Pray to God for a **family-friendly policy** that supports marriages and families, affirming them positively (infrastructures that are suitable for children, childcare, financial support, etc.) For more possibilities to combine the family with a job.
14. For the government to protect our **youth** against the unrestrained stream of immorality and occult practices that overwhelm them.

## SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER

15. Pray for people to get information 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.
16. 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 be done (Matt.6:10).



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

(Matt. 6:13)