

Prayer Guide for the 2014 General Elections in South Africa

Strategy: We encourage churches, communities, prayer groups, prayer watches and individuals to take **40 days of focused prayer from 1 March till 9 April to pray for the elections.** We also ask Christians to **fast and pray 7-9 April.**

Give Him no rest... (Isa.62:7) And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? (Luke 18:7).

1. Pray for cities and towns to call for half-nights of prayer or other prayer vigils to pray for the upcoming elections and our country to turn back to the God of the Bible. Ask that churches and Christian ministries will implement definite and regular times of prayer during this month for the elections and the incoming government.
2. Proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ over this nation. Proclaim that the Lord Jesus is the Shepherd of this nation Psalm 23:1 and not the ancestors or any living or past presidents or any other leaders.
3. Proclaim that the God of heaven is the Father of this nation *"our Father in heaven"* Matthew 6:9. It is important to proclaim the fatherhood of God over South Africa. Declare Jesus Christ as the Shepherd and the Holy Spirit as the Guide of South Africa.
4. *"Hallowed be Your name"* Matthew 6:9 Pray for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to be honored and exalted over this nation and in every sector of society. Pray that all forms and interpretations of secularism, humanism and skepticism will be destroyed.
5. *"Your Kingdom Come"* Mathew 6: 10 Let us pray together that the outcome of the 2014 elections will advance God's Kingdom in South Africa. Pray for His will to be done in every sector of South African society. Pray that every other kingdom whether human, demonic or occult, ancient or modern, foreign or indigenous, private or public, will give way to the Kingdom of our God, His righteousness and His justice.
6. *"Your will be done"* Matt.6:12 It is important to know whom the Lord has chosen to lead South Africa in the next election. Let us pray for clarity of mind and soberness so that people (Christians and non-Christians) will be able to discern whom the Lord has chosen in the season. Let us pray that during the 2014 elections God-fearing leaders will be elected. Ask the Lord for people with integrity and a servant attitude. For the National Assembly 400 members need to be elected. From the national party lists 200 will be elected and the other 200 are elected from provincial party lists in each of the nine provinces.
7. *"Give us this day our daily bread"* Mathew 6:11 Let us ask God to break the yoke of poverty and unemployment and also the systems that support it in the nation.
8. *"And forgive us our sins (debts) as we forgive those who sin against us"* Matthew 6:12 Let us pray that the Holy Spirit through forgiveness and reconciliation, will continue to renew the hearts and minds of the people in South Africa. Let us take the opportunity to confess the sins of the nation (idolatry, witchcraft, sorcery, sexual perversion and immorality, corruption, injustice and bloodshed, etc.) nor accusing others but admit that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:16). In obedience let us forgive over all those who have sinned against us. Ask the Lord for leaders who will not lead the nation into sin, promote iniquity and corruption but who will restore righteousness and justice.
9. *"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one"* Matthew 6:13. It is important to ask the Lord to deliver this nation from temptation and the evil one. Let us petition heaven that no leaders who are agents of the evil one, will win the elections in 2014. Witchcraft, mind control

and different occult practices are used during elections by political candidates. Pray that God will destroy the effect of all such practices.

10. *"For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever"* Matthew 6:13. Let us rededicate South Africa to God and His purposes.
11. Pray that lies and false promises by political parties and candidates will be exposed. Pray for all those involved in illegal practices, such as money-laundering, bribery and fraud, to be exposed publicly, be found guilty, and serve a prison term. Also ask for their salvation and rehabilitation to play an effective role in society.
12. Let us pray against tribalism in politics. Tribal politics ignores competency and focus on tribe or race. Let us reject tribal politics and the witchcraft that is associated with it. Let us pray against every form of tribal witchcraft that clouds the judgment of people during elections.
13. Let us pray for the church, the people of God, to turn back and to surrender to God: *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land"* 2 Chronicles 7:14.
14. Pray that the media will be unbiased in reporting on the elections will not be used to incite people to violence or emotionally manipulate people.
15. Pray that politicians will not misuse the church of Jesus Christ to further their own ambitions and to gain votes.
16. It is important for the Church to be a prophetic voice during this time. Pray that the church will preach the Word fearlessly and boldly. Pray that the church will not be afraid to point out sin or wrongdoing. The task of the church, amongst other things, is a) to pray, b) to stand for Biblical truth and godly values, c) to encourage Christians to vote, d) not participating in lies, half truths, corruption and cover-ups, e) not causing division and f) not being involved in negative/evil talk and accusations. As Christians we have to pray without prejudice, compromise, or fear of man.
17. There is already unrest, strikes and violence in the nation, false rumors, accusations, emotional hurts from the past, racism between all the ethnic groups, poor service delivery and the economic situation in the nation can all contribute to violence. Pray for peace to cover the nation in the run-up to the elections, the election date and after the elections.
18. Pray for a free and fair election. For the ICE: that there will be no corruption; effective administration; competent people to do the work effectively and efficiently; ballot boxes to be delivered on time; training of volunteers and that the volunteers will be paid afterwards; that resources for the elections will not be misused, that identity documents be handled in the correct and lawful way. Pray for polling day: that there will be peace in the hearts of people coming to vote, and that no acts of violence, manipulation or intimidation will take place. Ask that people will not be discouraged or hindered to vote, and that no ballot boxes will be tampered with. Pray for the police to be able to handle and control all sorts of resistance and rebellion.



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