

## **United in Prayer: Worship Texts for Election Day 2024**

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*As our nation enters the crucial period of Election Day, these prayers are offered as a resource for individuals and worship communities to foster unity, peace, and reflection. Rooted in the call to love God and neighbor, these texts invite us to seek justice, compassion, and the common good, even amidst differing perspectives.*

*These prayers can be used during public worship, small group gatherings, or private devotion in the days surrounding the election. Whether in a church, home, or online setting, they serve as a reminder of our shared responsibility to pray for wisdom, integrity, and peace in this time of decision. Communities are encouraged to adapt the prayers according to their needs and local context, using them to foster thoughtful reflection and dialogue.*

*Together, may we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and work to build a society that reflects the justice, mercy, and peace of God.*

### **1. Prayers for the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time: November 3, 2024**

#### **General Prayer**

Loving and merciful God,  
as our nation approaches Election Day,  
we turn to you for guidance and wisdom.  
You have called us to love you and our neighbors.

Help us live out this commandment in these critical times  
by seeking justice, acting with compassion,  
and promoting the common good.

Grant voters the wisdom to choose what is right and holy in your sight,  
and strengthen our leaders to serve with integrity  
and care for all people.

Unite us in love and respect,  
and help us work for a society grounded  
in your mercy and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> These prayers were developed in collaboration with Magisterium AI, with Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, initiating the prompt themes and overall structure for each set of prayers. The text was then carefully organized, edited, and refined by Fr. Manalo to align with the liturgical needs and pastoral sensitivities of worship communities in the U.S. during Election Season 2024.

## Petitions

- For our nation as we prepare for Election Day, that we may embrace the words of Deuteronomy, loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and strength. May this love inspire us to act with compassion, seek justice, and work together for the common good, we pray to the Lord. *(Deuteronomy 6:2-6)*
- For all voters, that they may be guided by wisdom and a spirit of sacrifice, following the example of Christ, our eternal high priest. May their decisions reflect a commitment to justice, peace, and the well-being of all, we pray to the Lord. *(Hebrews 7:23-28)*
- For the Holy Spirit to enlighten our hearts and minds, so that we may follow Christ's commandment to love God and our neighbor. May this love guide all our actions during this election season, fostering integrity, respect, and a commitment to the well-being of others, we pray to the Lord. *(Mark 12:28b-34)*

## 2. Prayers for the Day Before Election Day (St. Charles Borromeo): Monday, November 4, 2024

### General Prayer

Loving God,  
and on the eve of our Election Day,  
as we celebrate the feast of St. Charles Borromeo,  
we give thanks for his life of service, leadership,  
and reform within your Church.

As we approach this important moment for our nation,  
may his example of dedication and pastoral care  
inspire us to act with integrity and compassion in all that we do.

Through St. Charles's intercession,  
grant us the courage to work for healing and unity in our communities,  
and to lead with humility and wisdom in these challenging times.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Petitions

- For our nation, as we prepare to elect our leaders tomorrow, that we may follow the wisdom of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, humbly serving one another in love and contributing to the needs of the community with generosity and sincerity, we pray to the Lord. *(Romans 12:3-13)*

- For all people of faith, that as we sing of the goodness of the Lord, we may be reminded of God's enduring love and faithfulness, and be inspired to bring that goodness into the choices we make on Election Day, promoting justice, mercy, and peace, we pray to the Lord. (*Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25, 27*)
- For all leaders, especially those to be elected tomorrow, that they may follow the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, seeking not their own interests but the well-being of those they serve, and leading with compassion and integrity, we pray to the Lord. (*John 10:11-16*)

### 3. Prayers for Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

#### General Prayer

Loving and eternal God,  
 On this Election Day, we turn to you  
 with hearts full of hope and trust.  
 Guide our nation in this time of decision,  
 that we may seek the common good  
 and uphold the dignity of all people.

May your wisdom inspire our choices,  
 and may our leaders reflect your justice, mercy, and compassion.  
 Help us to act with integrity, respect,  
 and a deep commitment to peace and unity.  
 May we always strive to build a society  
 grounded in your love and truth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Petitions

- For all citizens as we cast our votes today, that we may follow the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians, doing everything without grumbling or questioning and shining as lights in the world by seeking justice, truth, and the well-being of all, we pray to the Lord. (*Philippians 2:5-11*)
- For all of us gathered in the assembly of God's people, that as we praise the Lord for His goodness, we may be moved to act with justice and compassion in this election. May our votes reflect a commitment to the common good and the care of those most in need, we pray to the Lord. (*Psalms 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32*)

- For all those entrusted with leadership after today's election, that they may model themselves after Christ, who calls us to serve rather than to be served, and that they may work tirelessly for the good of all, especially those who are often overlooked or marginalized, we pray to the Lord. *(Luke 14:15-24)*

#### **4. Prayers for the Day After Election Day: Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

##### **General Prayer**

Gracious and loving God,  
as we reflect on the outcome of our recent elections,  
we turn to you in hope and humility.  
We acknowledge your sovereignty over all nations and peoples.

Help us to embrace the spirit of unity and cooperation,  
and to work together for the common good.  
May we be inspired by the example of Christ,  
who calls us to serve one another in love and humility.

Strengthen our resolve to seek justice and peace,  
and guide our leaders to govern with integrity and compassion.  
May our hearts be open to dialogue and understanding,  
as we strive to build a community that reflects your love and grace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

##### **Petitions**

- For our nation, that we may embody St. Paul's call to work diligently for the good of all, acting without grumbling or complaining. May we foster a culture of dialogue, respect, and unity, recognizing that our strength lies in our shared commitment to the common good, we pray to the Lord. *(Philippians 2:12-18)*
- For all who are affected by the election results, that they may find comfort and hope in the Lord, who is our light and salvation. May they trust in God's guidance and be reassured that, regardless of the outcomes, they are supported by a community that seeks to uplift and care for one another, we pray to the Lord. *(Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14)*
- For the leaders elected to serve us, that they may heed Christ's call to carry their crosses and lead with humility and service. May they be willing to make sacrifices for the good of the people, prioritizing the needs of the marginalized and working tirelessly for justice and peace, we pray to the Lord. *(Luke 14:25-33)*

## 5. Prayers for Election Limbo<sup>2</sup>

### General Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,  
as we find ourselves in a time of uncertainty following the recent elections,  
we turn to you in prayer, seeking your peace and guidance.  
In this moment of waiting, help us to remain steadfast in faith,  
trusting in your divine providence and wisdom.

Grant us patience as we await the final count,  
and instill in our hearts a spirit of unity and understanding.  
May we remember that our true citizenship lies in your kingdom,  
and that we are called to love and serve one another,  
regardless of the outcomes we face.

Inspire our leaders to act with integrity and compassion,  
and guide us all to work together for the common good.  
May our hearts be filled with hope,  
as we await the unfolding of your plan for our nation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Petitions

- For our nation, that we may remain calm and united in faith during this time of uncertainty. May we trust in God's providence and find strength in our shared values, fostering cooperation and understanding among all citizens, regardless of differing opinions, we pray to the Lord.
- For all those involved in the election process, that they may be guided by integrity and fairness. May their efforts ensure a just and transparent outcome, reflecting the will of the people and upholding the democratic principles that bind us together, we pray to the Lord.
- For the citizens of our country, that we may embrace patience and understanding as we await the final results. May we engage in respectful dialogue and support one another, recognizing that our commitment to the common good transcends individual outcomes, and may we remain hopeful for a future grounded in justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

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<sup>2</sup> "Election Limbo" refers to the period of uncertainty that can occur after Election Day, when official results are still being counted, contested, or otherwise unresolved.

## 6. Prayers Following the Final Count

### General Prayer

Heavenly God,  
as we gather in hope following the confirmed election results,  
we come before you seeking your guidance and wisdom.  
We recognize your presence in the democratic process  
and the opportunity it provides for participation in the life of our nation.

In this time of transition,  
may our leaders be filled with integrity and compassion,  
committed to serving the common good.  
Help us to embrace our shared responsibility as citizens,  
working together to build a society that reflects your love and justice.

May we remain united in our efforts to support one another,  
regardless of differing opinions,  
and strive for peace and understanding in our communities.  
As we embark on this new chapter,  
may we be instruments of your peace,  
fostering dialogue and collaboration for the betterment of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Petitions

- For our nation, that we may embrace the confirmed election results with a spirit of unity and cooperation. May we work together to support our leaders and engage in constructive dialogue, fostering a culture of respect and understanding among us, we pray to the Lord.
- For those who have been elected to serve, that they may be filled with the wisdom and courage to lead effectively. May they prioritize the needs of the marginalized and work diligently to promote justice, peace, and the common good for all, we pray to the Lord.
- For all citizens, that we may remain engaged and active in our communities, committed to the principles of democracy and the dignity of every person. May we continue to advocate for the vulnerable and work towards a society that reflects the values of love, compassion, and solidarity, we pray to the Lord.

## 7. Prayers for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: November 10, 2024

### General Prayer

O God,  
through Elijah, you remind us to cast aside fear,  
and through Jesus, you call us to live generously for others.

In this time of transition and uncertainty in our lives,  
help us to trust in the promise of your Kingdom.  
May this promise inspire us to contribute to unity  
within our community, Church, and world,  
offering all we can for the good of others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>3</sup>

### Petitions

- For all who, like the widow in Zarephath, are facing fear and uncertainty after this week's election, that they may find hope in God's promise to provide, and that we may respond generously to the needs of our neighbors and nation, we pray to the Lord. (*1 Kings 17:10-16*)
- For our leaders, newly elected or continuing in service, that they may be inspired by Christ's self-sacrifice and work for justice, peace, and the common good, serving all people with compassion and integrity, we pray to the Lord. (*Hebrews 9:24-28*)
- For our community, as we move forward from Election Day, that we may follow the widow's example of humble generosity, offering our own gifts and efforts to promote healing, unity, and care for one another, we pray to the Lord. (*Mark 12:38-44*)

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<sup>3</sup> Prayer composed by Fr. Chris Lawton, CSP.