

Prayer Petition:

A Prayer for President Barack Obama and His Administration

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 148, Romans 13:1-7

Reflection of the Heart:

“I am a firm believer in the Divine teachings, perfect example and atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. I believe also in the Holy Scriptures as the revealed Word of God to the world for its enlightenment and salvation.” *Rutherford B. Hayes*

Scriptural Prayer:

Almighty Father, we honor You. You are great and Your power is absolute. Your understanding is beyond comprehension. We love You and extol Your Holy Name. We bow before Your holy temple and worship You. We praise Your Name for Your unfailing love and faithfulness. Your promises are backed by all the honor of Your Name. As soon as we pray, You answer us and encourage us by giving us strength. Every king in all the earth will hear Your Words and thank You. Yes, they will sing about Your ways. Your glory is great! We thank You, Lord, for the United States of America. Thank You for our new President, Barack Obama, and his administration. Thank You for entrusting us to pray for our leaders.

Heavenly Father, we declare that Your wisdom and judgment will guide President Barack Obama and his administration. We confess that they will not turn their backs on wisdom, for she will protect them. We proclaim that as they hold onto Your wisdom and obey her, they will experience long life, riches and honor. Wisdom will enter their hearts and knowledge will fill them with joy; wise choices will watch over them and understanding will keep them safe. By faith, we decree that President Obama and his administration will not follow the advice of the wicked, stand around with sinners or join in with mockers. But, their delight will be in Your law, and they will meditate on it both day and night. They will be like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. We decree that their leaves will never wither and they will prosper in all that they do.

Gracious Father, we declare that President Obama and his administration will conduct their lives in ways that please You. As a result, we are expecting You to make their enemies be at peace with them. You are their refuge, the Most High, their shelter. We decree no evil will conquer them and no plague will come near their homes. We confess that Your angels will protect them and their families and they will uphold them in their hands. We declare that Your hedge of safety and security will protect their families and no weapon formed against them will prosper. Every tongue that rises against them in judgment will be condemned.

Holy Spirit, show me how I can pray specifically for our new President and his administration:

Holy Spirit, unite the Body of Christ to pray continually for our new President and his leadership team. Unite the new administration as they govern our nation and remind each person that they are working together for the good of the nation and not for the advancement of self. Please continue to heal the wounds that negative politics, fear and ignorance have created within our nation. Empower us, the Body of Christ, to lead the effort in the healing process.

Father, please forgive our nation for racism, sexism and ageism. Forgive us for idolatry, lying, deceit and character assassination. Forgive us for being self-serving, boastful, proud and arrogant. Forgive us for not acknowledging Your authority and for compromising Your truth. We realize that our sins are many. Father, please have mercy upon all of us. As a nation, show us those we need to forgive and help us to forgive.

As a nation, help us not to yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, You merely spoke and the heavens were created. You breathed the Word, and all the stars were born. You assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs. The whole world will stand in fear and awe of

You. When You spoke, the world began! It appeared at Your command. You alone are the Almighty King! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 147:5, Psalm 138:2-5, Proverbs 4:5-6, Proverbs 3:16, Proverbs 2:10-11, Psalm 1:1-3, Proverbs 16:7, Psalm 91:9-12, Job 1:10, Isaiah 54:17, I Thessalonians 5:17, Hebrews 13:21, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 33:6-9