

A Prayer for President Barack Obama, His Administration and Congress

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 144, Romans 13:1-7

Reflection of the Heart:

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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 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 Obama, his administration and Congress. 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, by faith we declare that President Obama, his administration and Congress 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. As they make You their refuge and shelter, we decree that 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 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 President Obama and his administration:

Holy Spirit, unite the Body of Christ to pray continually for President Obama and his leadership team. Unite his 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. Lord, please strengthen President Obama, his administration and Congress as they tackle the many issues that plague this country. Help them to not be easily defeated or distracted. Help them to see Your hand in all that they do. Please give them creative ideas and witty strategies to rebuild the economy, deal with the environmental, medical, educational, social issues, and navigate through international affairs. When politics begin to muddy the water, please remind our President, his administration and Congress that their first priority is to You and then to the citizens of this nation.

Mighty Father, please forgive our President, his administration and Congress for not always consulting with You before making decisions. Forgive them when they put their intellect above Your truth. 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, as a nation, for not acknowledging Your authority and sovereignty. We realize that our sins are many. Father, please have mercy on us. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that***

you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Magnificent Father, 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, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 33:6-9

Today, I will trust God to:
