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A Declaration of Truth and Honesty in the Media

Scripture Reading:

II Samuel 22:47-51, James 3:1-12

Reflections of the Heart:

"We learned about honesty and integrity—that the truth matters... that you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules... and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square."
~Michelle Obama

Scriptural Prayer:

Holy Father, we thank You for freedom of speech in the United States of America. Thank You for allowing us to live in a society where we are free to exchange and express ideas. Thank You for revealing the technological knowledge that allows global communications. Father, You are the great and awesome God who keeps Your covenant of unfailing love with those who love You and obey Your commands. Lord, You are our Master. Every good thing we have comes from You. You alone are our inheritance, the cup of our blessing. We bless You because You are the One who guides us, even at night our hearts instruct us. Father, we know that You are always with us, so we will not be shaken.

Awesome Father, in these final days of the mayoral election, we take authority over the spirit of the airwaves. We command Your Word, which we speak with boldness and faith, to interrupt the airwaves and destroy every word that is spoken by the media that does not align with Your will for this election and our city. We decree that every attempt to misconstrue the Truth will be confused. We cancel the assignments of division, confusion, anger, wrath, lying and deceit that are being unleashed through the various forms of mass media. By faith, we declare that the heart of every station manager, editor, publisher, producer, reporter and writer will be pliable in Your hands. We silence the demonic voices that give direction and influence to the hearts of leaders in the area of communications. We command those who have intentionally used their positions to stir up strife and confusion to turn from evil and do good. In Jesus' Name, they will search for peace and work to maintain it. As kings of the King and lords of the Lord, we understand that death and life are in the power of our tongues, so we declare that only the truth will prevail and all distortions and misrepresentations will be exposed and rendered powerless.

Holy Spirit, as I watch the news, show me how to pray for the candidates and our city:

Holy Spirit, please open the eyes and ears of our citizens to hear, see, and understand the messages that are being communicated concerning the issues being raised in the mayoral elections. Please convict the hearts of the members of the media who intentionally cause strife and confusion in this nation, especially those who are believers. Expose hidden agendas, deceitful motives, wicked schemes, and subversive plots. Speak to the members of the media about being impartial in their reporting. Direct the public to not base their voting decisions on a thirty-second sound bite, but to research every candidate and seek Your will so they can make informed decisions.

Loving Father, forgive the members of the media for allowing their personal feelings to color their professional duties. Forgive station executives who have sold out their integrity for corporate greed and positioning. Forgive the citizens of this nation whose ears are itching to believe untruths from both political parties. Forgive those in our city who incite racism, hatred, anger, and violence and forgive the members of the media who pander to these individuals. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that You have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind the members of the media of those they need to forgive and help them 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 reveal names or faces of people that You may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in Your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help the members of the media to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Almighty King, You are the great Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven's Armies. You are the First and the Last; there is no other God. You are the Creator who made all things. You alone stretched out the heavens. You alone are worthy of glory, honor, and power. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Nehemiah 1:5, Psalm 16:2,5,7-8, Deuteronomy 10:16, Psalm 34:14, Proverbs 18:21, Romans 2:11, II Timothy 4:3, Matthew 6:13, Isaiah 44:6,24, Revelation 4:11

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