

Week 4: Party Leaders & Candidates



Sun Heavenly Father, we commit to You every candidate standing for election, their families and their supporters. Amen.

Mon Pray for the safety and welfare of party leaders and other politicians, as they travel and campaign throughout the country.

Tue Remember the candidates standing in your constituency, asking God to bless and guide them.

Wed Pray that hundreds of churches around the country will work together to organise hustings events.

Thu Pray for the Party leaders to be able to present their beliefs and proposals clearly in debates on radio, television and the Internet.

Fri Ask God to inspire local churches and individual Christians to pray for Party leaders and other candidates.

Sat Pray that Christian candidates will be bold and eloquent in how they respond to issues and questions that have important moral and ethical implications.

Week 5: After the Election



Sun Almighty God, please give wisdom and understanding to our Queen as she invites the new Prime Minister to form her new Government. Amen

Mon Pray that every new MP would realise their need of God's guidance and strength.

Tue Remember parliamentary staff members whose MPs were not elected, as they wind up their jobs and clear their offices.

Wed Pray for the Prime Minister as he decides who to appoint to the Cabinet and other government posts.

Thu Pray for members of the security and administrative staff at the House of Commons, as they get to know the hundreds of new MPs.

Fri Ask God to encourage former MPs who have now lost their seats, as they consider the next phase of their lives.

Sat Give thanks to God for all He has done in our nation over the last few weeks. Pray that He will equip the new Prime Minister and his Government as they begin their term of office.

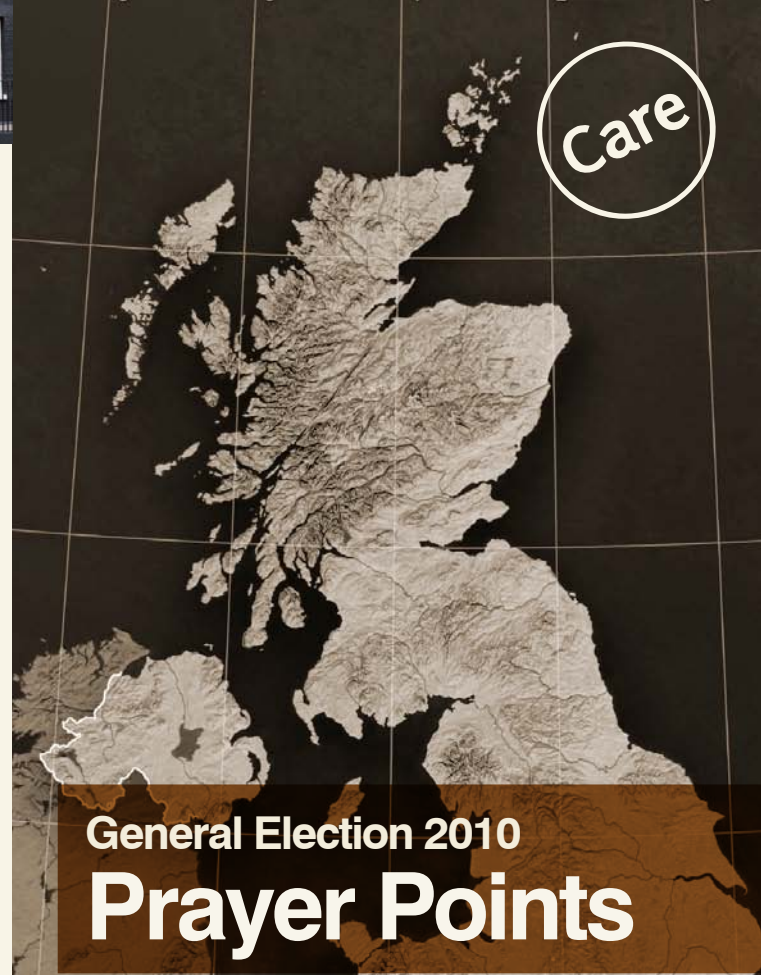
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General Election 2010 Prayer Points

'I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth and holiness.'

1Timothy 2:1,2 (NIV)

This special guide can be used during the weeks leading up to polling day and for one week afterwards. Feel free to use it personally or in your church.



POLLING STATION

Week 1: Your Local Constituency

Sun *Lord, we pray that Christians living in this constituency will be a witness to their neighbours during this election season. Amen.*

Mon Remember in your prayers as many as possible of the local wards in your constituency by name.

Tue Pray for local council staff responsible for all the Polling Day arrangements.

Wed Ask God to grant wisdom, unity and vision to local churches as they plan hustings events.

Thu Pray that hustings events will be well attended and that candidates will be impacted by the views of local Christians.

Fri Pray for wisdom and God's guidance as you consider who to vote for.

Sat Pray for the safety of volunteers canvassing, delivering leaflets and campaigning in public places.

Week 2: Political Parties & Policy Issues

Sun *Almighty God, may the issues that are raised during this election campaign be those that are on Your heart. Amen.*

Mon Remember those who communicate on behalf of the parties. Pray that they put their message across with clarity and integrity.

Tue Pray for Christian believers in positions of authority within the political parties.

Wed Pray for Christian groups within political parties.

Thu Thank God that issues of marriage, the sanctity of human life and religious freedoms currently have a high profile.

Fri Pray that all the political parties consider how the UK can become a fairer and more compassionate society.

Sat Remember the smaller political parties and independent candidates, as they try to compete with the major players. Ask God to restrain those who hold extreme or offensive views

Week 3: The Media

Sun *Lord of all truth and light, we pray that those involved in reporting during this election campaign communicate in unbiased and accurate ways. Amen.*

Mon Pray for national and local newspaper editors to be discerning and fair during the campaign.

Tue Pray about the influence of 'new media' on the electorate; that blogs and other Internet communications will be used responsibly.

Wed Remember producers and editors of news and current affairs programmes on radio, television and the Internet.

Thu Pray that party political broadcasts and high-profile debates between leaders will prove to be an effective tool to motivate people to vote.

Fri Pray for those in national and local political party offices preparing press releases, interviews and Internet publicity about their campaigns.

Sat Ask God to grant wisdom and opportunities to Christian organisations, publishers and churches engaging in public debate about important moral and social issues through local and national media.

