

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE 2020 ELECTION

Daniel 6

How should we as Bible-believing Christians approach the next election? Certainly, one answer is to _____
Jonathan Edwards: "When God has something very great to accomplish for his church, it is His will that there should precede it the extraordinary prayers of his people." We may say the same about this _____

I. PRAY THAT GOD WILL NOT GIVE US LEADERS LIKE DARIUS

- A. The governors and satraps who plotted against Daniel took advantage of Darius' _____
Pray that God would deliver us from government officials who are blinded by ego and _____
- B. Darius signed measures into law without thinking through their _____ (Dan.6:14)
Pray that God would deliver us from politicians who are blinded to the results of the _____ they pass
- C. Darius displayed utter disregard for human _____, a hallmark of states not founded on Bible principles
Pray that God would deliver us from _____ and tyrants, any who would rob us of inalienable rights

II. PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE US LEADERS LIKE DARIUS

- A. Darius was not _____ against God's people; he recognized Daniel's abilities & put him in authority
Pray that God would place individuals in positions of power who have no prejudice against _____
- B. Darius was a man of law, who submitted to the authority of "the law of the Medes and the _____"
 - 1) Many gov't officials find _____ to do as they please even though they have no legal authority
 - 2) Pray that God would give us officials who are men & women of _____, who submit to the constitution
- C. While Darius was not a believer, he had respect for the _____ and sovereignty of the true God
 - 1) Many leaders of our nation may have fit this mold, like _____ or _____
 - 2) Pray that God would give us leaders who recognize His power & _____ in the affairs of men
- D. Darius had the personal well-being of God's people at heart when they were in difficulty and _____
Ask God to give us judges and officials who _____ with God's people when they are in trouble
- E. Darius took steps to _____ God's people from wicked men who would persecute God's people
 - 1) 2 Thess.3:2 commands us to pray that we will be delivered from _____ and wicked men
 - 2) Shall we not also pray that God would give us _____ who will grant this deliverance in court?
- F. Darius acknowledged _____ the place of God in human affairs, though he did not know God himself
 - 1) Can you imagine a government official making such a proclamation today? _____ did
 - 2) Pray that God will give us gov't leaders who are _____ to publicly acknowledge the place of God

A final prayer request based on 1 Timothy 2:1-2: "Therefore I exhort ...supplications, prayers ... for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

Ask God to give us leaders who will enable us to lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and _____