



Campaigning for *Peace*

A 7 DAY PRAYER CAMPAIGN



Day 1

Peace

Scripture

COLOSSIANS 3:15 - LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, SINCE AS MEMBERS OF ONE BODY YOU WERE CALLED TO PEACE. (NIV)

Thought

WHAT HAS YOUR HEART BEEN RULED BY LATELY? DURING THIS POLITICALLY CHARGED SEASON, WHAT HAS BEEN RULING YOUR INNER ATTITUDES, FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT OTHERS? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU, TO BE RULED BY CHRIST, AND NOTHING ELSE, FOR THE NEXT 7 DAYS AND BEYOND?

Prayer Prompt

"GOD, FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS, AND BEYOND, I SURRENDER MYSELF TO YOU AND YOUR RULE ALONE. HELP ME TO LIVE IN YOUR CALLING TO HAVE COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY IN MY HEART SO THAT I MAY HAVE PEACE, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS SEASON POLITICALLY OR OTHERWISE."

Day 2 ----- *Surrender*

Scripture

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 – “WHATEVER HAPPENS, CONDUCT YOURSELVES IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST...” (NIV)

Thought

IN THE MIDST OF PERSONAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY, ALL YOU CAN REALLY CONTROL IS YOUR CONDUCT. WE CANNOT CONTROL OUTCOMES OF MANY THINGS IN OUR LIVES, MUCH LESS ELECTION RESULTS AND ALL POLITICS. BUT GOD IS IN CONTROL. WHAT WILL YOU DO IF WHAT YOU WANT TO HAPPEN DOESN'T HAPPEN? WILL YOU SURRENDER YOURSELF TO THE ONE IN CONTROL AND COMMIT TO LIVING WITH CONDUCT WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NATIONALLY AND POLITICALLY?

Prayer Prompt

“I CANNOT CONTROL OUTCOMES, BUT GOD YOU ARE IN CONTROL. I SURRENDER TO YOU. I SURRENDER TO CONDUCT MYSELF FOR THE NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND IN A MANNER WORTHY OF YOU.”

Day 3

Confess

Scripture

COLOSSIANS 3:8-9 – “BUT NOW YOU MUST ALSO RID YOURSELVES OF ALL SUCH THINGS AS THESE: ANGER, RAGE, MALICE, SLANDER, AND FILTHY LANGUAGE FROM YOUR LIPS. DO NOT LIE TO EACH OTHER, SINCE YOU HAVE TAKEN OFF YOUR OLD SELF WITH ITS PRACTICES.” (NIV)

Thought

ANALYZE YOUR BEHAVIOR: YOUR POSTS, YOUR CONVERSATIONS, AND YOUR TRUEST INNER THOUGHTS. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU NEED TO RID YOURSELF OF IN THE REALM OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLITICS? BE HONEST. WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO CONFESS AND RID YOURSELF OF THESE. WHY WILL THAT BE SO CRUCIAL FOR YOU?

Prayer Prompt

“GOD, I NEED TO BE HONEST: MY HEART, MY WORDS, AND MY ACTIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH _____, PLEASE HELP ME REMOVE THOSE THINGS FROM MY LIFE.”

Day 4

Unity

Scripture

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 - "THEREFORE, AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE. BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER IF ANY OF YOU HAS A GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOMEONE. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU. AND OVER ALL THESE VIRTUES PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS THEM ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY." (NIV)

Thought

CAN YOU IMAGINE UNITY? I KNOW IT'S PRETTY HARD TO IMAGINE RIGHT NOW. TEAMS PUT ON UNIFORMS TO CREATE A SENSE OF UNITY. AND IF WE BELONG TO THE CHRISTIAN "TEAM", WE SHOULD CLOTHE OUR THOUGHTS, ACTIONS AND WORDS WITH THINGS THAT BUILD UNITY. WHICH VIRTUE DO YOU NEED TO PUT ON AS YOU THINK ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU ARE DIVIDED WITH? WHAT DOES LOVE REQUIRE OF YOU TO THOSE WHO VIEW THINGS DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU?

Prayer Prompt

"LORD, I WANT UNITY WITH THOSE AROUND ME, AND ESPECIALLY FOR OUR COUNTRY! HELP ME TO BE A UNIFYING VOICE AND PRESENCE THROUGH CLOTHING MYSELF WITH MORE _____."

Day 5 ----- Compassion

Scripture

JAMES 1:27 - "PURE AND GENUINE RELIGION IN THE SIGHT OF GOD THE FATHER MEANS CARING FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND REFUSING TO LET THE WORLD CORRUPT YOU." (NLT)

Thought

TWO THINGS YOU WILL HAVE TO BALANCE AT ALL TIMES IN YOUR PURSUIT OF CHRIST: TO CARE FOR OTHERS WHO ARE MARGINALIZED, OVERLOOKED, TROUBLED, AND EASY TO IGNORE AND TO REFUSE THE WORLD'S BID TO CORRUPT YOU--YOUR ATTITUDES, YOUR THINKING, AND YOUR DESIRES. HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH THESE TWO MAJOR PURSUITS? ARE THESE VALUES REFLECTED IN YOUR POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS VIEWS? DO YOU CARE ABOUT ALL PEOPLE? ARE YOU BEING CORRUPTED BY SOMETHING IN THE WORLD THAT IS AFFECTING YOUR ABILITY TO CARE FOR PEOPLE?

Prayer Prompt

"GOD, HELP ME TO SEE, AND GENUINELY CARE ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT THAN ME. I STRUGGLE WITH CARING FOR PEOPLE WHO -----, I DO NOT WANT MY FAITH CORRUPTED BY THAT ANYMORE."

Day 6

Wisdom

Scripture

1 SAMUEL 16:7 - "BUT THE LORD SAID TO SAMUEL, "DO NOT CONSIDER HIS APPEARANCE OR HIS HEIGHT, FOR I HAVE REJECTED HIM. THE LORD DOES NOT LOOK AT THE THINGS PEOPLE LOOK AT. PEOPLE LOOK AT THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART." (NIV)

Thought

IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS ON WHO YOU BELIEVE WILL BEST LEAD OUR COUNTRY. PERHAPS YOU ALREADY HAVE. AS YOU CONSIDER HOW YOU WILL VOTE, MEDITATE ON HOW GOD WISELY CHOOSES AND REJECTS LEADERS. GOD IS NOT ASKING YOU TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE, BUT THE WISE CHOICE. IN YOUR DEEPEST CONSCIENCE, WHAT IS THE WISE CHOICE? WHO, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY TO DISCERN, WILL LEAD OUR LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WELL?

Prayer Prompt

"LORD, I PRAY TODAY FOR WISDOM, WISDOM TO KNOW HOW TO CAST MY VOTES. YOU SEE THE HEART GOD, HELP ME TO SEE AS YOU SEE, NOT AS OTHERS WOULD HAVE ME SEE. HELP ME TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY CONSCIENCE."

Day 7

Cast

Scripture

1 PETER 5:6-7 - "HUMBLE YOURSELVES, THEREFORE, UNDER GOD'S MIGHTY HAND, THAT HE MAY LIFT YOU UP IN DUE TIME. CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU." (NIV)

Thought

TODAY MOST OF YOU WILL CAST YOUR VOTE. YOU WEIGHED IT, CONSIDERED THE ISSUES. YOU MIGHT FEEL COMPLETELY AT PEACE TODAY OR AS ANXIOUS AS EVER. TODAY IS A DAY WE ARE REMINDED TO HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE ONE WHO HOLDS ETERNITY AND KINGDOMS IN HIS HAND. HE IS IN CONTROL. HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS THE POWER TO SAVE THIS WORLD FROM CORRUPTION. AND GET THIS, HE CARES FOR YOU, AND FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR WHO VOTES THE SAME OR DIFFERENT THAN YOU. TODAY WE CAST OUR HOPE ON HIM, BECAUSE HE ALONE IS GOD, AND HIS KINGDOM WILL LAST FOREVER AND EVER.

Prayer Prompt

"GOD, AS I CAST MY VOTE TODAY, I CAST MY HOPE, MY ANXIETY, THE NEEDS OF MY SOUL AND THIS WORLD ON YOU. WHOEVER IS ELECTED, MAY THEY HUMBLE THEMSELVES BEFORE YOU, AND MAY THEY LEAD WITH WISDOM, COMPASSION AND HUMILITY."

Day 8 ----- Careful

Scripture

ROMANS 12:17B-18 "...BE CAREFUL TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE EYES OF EVERYONE. IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE AT PEACE WITH EVERYONE." (NIV)

Thought

IT IS THE DAY AFTER A LONG YEAR OF DEBATES, DISSENSION AND DISCUSSIONS. TODAY YOU MIGHT FEEL RELIEVED, EXCITED, JOYFUL, SAD, FRUSTRATED, ENRAGED, SCARED, OR A RANGE OF OTHER EMOTIONS. HOW SHOULD YOU BEHAVE IN LIGHT OF HOW YOU FEEL? REMEMBER YOU WERE CALLED TO LIVE UNDER THE RULE OF PEACE. AS FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO LET PEACE RULE THROUGH YOUR WORDS, ACTIONS, TREATMENT OF OTHERS, HOW YOU REJOICE IN VICTORIES, AND HOW YOU MOURN LOSSES?

Prayer Prompt

"GOD, THANK YOU THAT I LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE I HAVE A VOICE AND A FREEDOM TO CAST MY VOTE. WHETHER I FEEL I HAVE WON OR LOST, REMIND ME TODAY TO BE SENSITIVE TO OTHERS, TO PROMOTE PEACE, AND HELP ME BE EVER SO TRUSTING OF YOUR SOVEREIGN RULE OVER ALL THINGS."