

7 DAYS OF

DEVOTIONS

& PRAYER

FOR THE 2020 NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS



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Day 1

Why bother praying?

Sometimes we can be left wondering why we should bother praying for the upcoming election and referenda. Circumstances and experiences may have caused a sense of frustration and discouragement with prayer and so it's best to just "go with the flow", right?

Here's the thing, we serve a mighty God. One who is sovereign, holy and just. One who hears our prayers and can move in response to the prayers of the righteous.

So be encouraged to seek God today with a renewed vigour in prayer:

Because Jesus has made a way. John 14:6

Because it demonstrates our utter dependence on God. Zechariah 4:6

Because God says we should come to him in prayer. Luke 11:5-13

Because we are a praying people. Matthew 21:13



Day 2

To whom do we pray?

Looking ahead to the election and referenda, it's easy to get distracted with the hype of it all. Today, let's choose to focus on God, who longs for us to commune with him, for he alone is worthy.

Colossians 3:1-4

Psalm 33

Psalm 46:10–11

Since, then,
you have been raised with Christ,
set your hearts on things above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.



Day 3

Repentance

When we know the God to whom we pray and when we choose to centre our affections on him, it becomes very clear that trying to build our own kingdoms with our own motives and selfish ambitions is futile.

Today let's confess before our maker and come before him with repentant hearts, asking the Holy Spirit to highlight our man-made kingdoms, attitudes, agendas and motives—for ourselves, our communities, our nation.

1 Chronicles 7:14

Hebrews 4: 11-16



Day 4

The election and referenda: God's righteousness throughout New Zealand

Irrespective of your political stance, let's obey God's Word and pray the words of Scripture over our nation and the upcoming election and referenda.

Proverbs 14:34

Matthew 6:33

Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin condemns any people.



Day 5

The election and referenda: Leaders, candidates and the media

Let's spend time today praying for the various leaders, candidates and the media—both in your region and across our nation.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

1 Peter 2:17

Romans 13:1



Day 6

The election and referenda:

Voters decision making in the election and referenda

Decision making is not always easy. As the Body of Christ, let's determine to earnestly seek God for where to place our "tick".

Let's seek God for his wisdom and discernment without our predisposed ideas, thoughts, opinions and perceptions clouding the way.

1 Corinthians 2:12-16

Ephesians 5:15-18

Romans 13:11-14

1 Corinthians 14:20

**But thanks be to God, who always
leads us as captives in Christ's
triumphal procession and uses us
to spread the aroma of the
knowledge of him everywhere.**



Day 7

Thanksgiving

What a mighty God we serve. We can trust him and our hope is in him. Today, let's declare our thanks for all God has done, for all he is doing and for what he will do.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Psalm 7:17

Psalm 79:13

Psalm 86:12

Ephesians 5:20

Colossians 4:2



