



# Elections 2010

## Prayer for Elections

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'Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours.  
Now and for ever'.  
Amen

***During the National and local elections 2010 we take time to pray.***

### **The Local Constituency**

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

- Pray for those in the local wards in your constituency by name.
- Pray for local council staff responsible for all the Polling Day arrangements.
- We ask God to grant wisdom, unity and vision to local churches as they plan hustings events.
- Pray that hustings events will be well attended and that candidates will be impacted by the views of local Christians.
- Pray for wisdom and God's guidance as we consider who to vote for.
- Pray for the safety of volunteers canvassing, delivering leaflets and campaigning in public places.

### **Political Parties and Policy issues**

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

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

integrity.

- Pray for Christian believers in positions of authority within the political parties.
- Pray for Christian groups within political parties.
- Thank God that issues of marriage, the sanctity of human life and religious freedoms currently have a high profile.
- Pray that all the political parties consider how the UK can become a fairer and more compassionate society.
- 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.

### **The Media**

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

- Pray for national and local newspaper editors to be discerning and fair during the campaign.
- Pray about the influence of 'new media' on the electorate; that blogs and other Internet communications will be used responsibly.

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## Election prayer (cont.)

- Remember producers and editors of news and current affairs programmes on radio, television and the Internet.
- Pray that party political broadcasts and high profile debates between leaders will prove to be an effective tool to motivate people to vote.
- Pray for those in national and local political party offices preparing press releases, interviews and Internet publicity about their campaigns. 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.

### Party Leaders and Candidates

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

- Pray for the safety and welfare of party leaders and other politicians, as they travel and campaign throughout the country.
- Remember the candidates standing in your constituency, asking God to bless and guide them.
- Pray that hundreds of churches around the country will work together to organise hustings events.
- Pray for the Party leaders to be able to present their beliefs and proposals clearly in debates on radio, television and the Internet.
- Ask God to inspire local churches and individual Christians to pray for Party leaders and other candidates.
- Pray that Christian candidates will be bold and eloquent in how they respond to issues and questions that have important moral and ethical implications.

### After the Election

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

- Pray that every new MP would realise their need of God's guidance and strength.
- Remember parliamentary staff members whose MPs were not elected, as they wind up their jobs and clear their offices.
- Pray for the Prime Minister as they decides who to appoint to the Cabinet and other government posts.
- Pray for members of the security and administrative staff at the House of Commons, as they get to know the hundreds of new MPs.
- Ask God to encourage former MPs who have now lost their seats, as they consider the next phase of their lives.
- 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.

Our special election website  
[www.makethecrosscount2010.net](http://www.makethecrosscount2010.net)

will have more prayer points, briefings, information and downloads.

In addition, our election 'hotline' for enquiries is 020 7227 4731

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### Colchester Town Hustings

#### St Botolph's Church

Tuesday 27th April

7.45 pm

#### All welcome

"We have invited the Liberal Democrat, Conservative, Labour, Green Party, UKIP and English Democratic Party Parliamentary candidates to a meeting. I have been asked to chair the meeting. I do hope that we will have a good number for such an event – which can be undertaken prayerfully, robustly and with mutual respect. I hope it will also be something of a service to Parliamentary candidates to recognise that Christian constituents are informed and caring about both the process and outcome of this crucial General Election. We will let you know further details once we know which Parliamentary candidates will be able to join us. "

+Bishop Christopher





# Prayer for England

***“As we approach the General Election we are invited to pray for England on 23rd April, St George’s Day.***

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 & 14

Can you imagine God coming so powerfully that people begin to fall to their knees on the pavements to get their lives right with God....

Please take some time out on St George’s Day to seek God for our nation to fulfil it’s destiny....

Please commit to pray where ever you are....

It is time that we as Christians recognise St George’s Day as a day to arise and stand up in England for Christ without compromise....Refusing to bow the knee to anything other than our God.

Some background on St George - It is likely that Saint George was born to a Christian noble family in Lydda, Palestine during the late third century between about 275 AD and 285 AD, and he died in Nicomedia. His father, Gerontius, was a Roman army official from Cappadocia and his mother was from Palestine. They decided to call him Georgius (Latin) meaning "worker of the land". At the age of 14, George lost his father; a few years later, George’s mother, Polychronia.

George decided to go to Nicomedia, the imperial city of that time, and present himself to Emperor Diocletian to apply for a career as a soldier.

Diocletian welcomed him with open arms, as he had known his father, Gerontius — one of his finest soldiers. By his late 20s, George was promoted to the rank of Tribunus and stationed as an imperial guard of the Emperor at Nicomedia.

In the year AD 302, Diocletian (influenced by Galerius) issued an edict that every Christian soldier in the army should be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Pagan gods. But George objected and with the courage of his faith approached the Emperor and ruler. Diocletian was upset, not wanting to lose his best Tribune and the son of his best official, Gerontius.

George loudly renounced the Emperor’s edict, and in front of his fellow soldiers and Tribunes he claimed himself to be a Christian and declared his worship of Jesus Christ. Diocletian attempted to convert George, even offering gifts of land, money and slaves if he made a sacrifice to the Pagan gods. The Emperor made many offers, but George never accepted.

Recognizing the futility of his efforts, Diocletian was left with no choice but to have him executed for his refusal. Before the execution George gave his wealth to the poor and prepared himself. After various torture sessions, including laceration on a wheel of swords in which he was resuscitated three times, George was executed by decapitation before Nicomedia’s city wall, on April 23, 303. A witness of his suffering convinced Empress Alexandra and Athanasius, a pagan priest, to become Christians as well, and so they joined George in martyrdom.

His body was returned to Lydda for burial, where Christians soon came to honour him as a martyr.

Time to pray for England .....

Abundant blessings”

Sue and Val

Coastlands and Gateways

*Coastlands and Gateways is a communication network attempting to connect together town prayer movements to pray more strategically for our nation. Colchester Prayernet has a link to this and other networks, such as the Prayer Forum, in a desire to unite in prayer with the wider body of Christ within the British Isles.*

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