



10 WAYS YOU CAN PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT, BARACK OBAMA



1. Pray for Mr. Obama's protection. We already know that some weird, neo-Nazi fanatics in Tennessee plotted to kill Senator Obama during his campaign. Let's pray that racist hatred is not allowed to spread.

2. Cover his wife and daughters in prayer. It is not easy to live under constant media scrutiny. Pray for Michelle Obama and their two daughters, Malia and Sasha, as they constantly deal with reporters, fans and dangerous enemies. Mr. Obama is not only a politician but also a husband and a father.

3. Pray that Mr. Obama will govern with God's wisdom. God rewarded Solomon because he asked for wisdom instead of wealth, long life or vengeance on his enemies (1 Kings 3:11-12). Pray Mr. Obama will order his priorities like that.

4. Ask God to keep our new President humble. Many great American leaders became corrupt after they moved to Washington. The fatal attraction of fame, wealth and power proved irresistible. The only thing that will guard a man or woman from this pitfall is humility. May God deliver President Obama (as well as ourselves) from the curse of pride.

5. Pray for wise and righteous advisers to surround him. Even the godliest leaders have failed because they trusted the wrong people. Pray that Mr. Obama will not select his counselors based on party, race, pedigree or political cronyism but on godly character and proven wisdom. Pray also that he will not allow secret traitors into his inner circle.

6. Ask for the spirit of reconciliation. Some segments of our deeply divided society want nothing to do with Mr. Obama now that he has won the presidency. Even some Christians will be tempted to harbor resentment & nurse political grudges throughout his term in office. Pray God will grant forgiveness & healing so political leaders can have constructive dialogue.

7. Pray that Mr. Obama will adopt pro-life convictions. Many politicians have changed their views on key issues while in office. In the 1800s some leaders who favored slavery later denounced it. In the 1950s some who opposed racial integration later became champions of it. Even though Mr. Obama won approval from many voters because he sanctions abortion, God can soften & change his heart.

8. Bind all evil forces assigned to manipulate our president. The specter of Islamic terrorism looms over the United States, and dark forces are ready to infiltrate. Our only hope lies in prayer to the God who is able to expose and outwit the schemes of the wicked. This is truly a time for spiritual warfare, and intercessors must not come off the wall in this hour! Pray that no foreign government, terrorist organization or demonic principality will use Mr. Obama as a tool. We must stand strong against the spirit of antichrist that promotes dictatorship, persecution of Christians and hostility toward Israel.

9. Pray that Mr. Obama's door will remain open to the church. The loudest voices of secular culture —atheists, homosexuals, etc.— would be happy if religion were removed from public life. Pray that Mr. Obama, who claims to have a personal faith in Jesus Christ, will unapologetically welcome Christian leaders into his company and seek their counsel. And pray that false religious leaders (who claim to know Christ but deny His power) will not have his ear.

10. Pray that our nation will enjoy God's peace and blessing during the Mr. Obama administration. The apostle Paul instructed early believers to pray for all in authority "*so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity*" (1 Tim. 2:2, NASB). God's will is for America to experience peace and prosperity so that we can continue to export the gospel to the nations. This must happen whether a Democrat or a Republican is in the White House. As we cry out for God's mercy on our wayward nation, pray that He will allow us to be a light to the world as we finance global missions, feed and heal the world's poor and share Christ's love at home and abroad.