

## PRAYER FOR OUR NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT

This is also why you pay taxes,  
for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.  
Romans 13:6

We offer thanksgiving to You, O Holy Spirit of God, for the election of Barack Obama and Joe Biden to the office of President and Vice President of the United States of America.

We are mindful of the many challenges and crises that he and his administration will be facing as they accept their responsibilities on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, 2009.

We ask that "wisdom from above," protection, and strength be granted to our 44th President; to our Vice President, to all members of the Cabinet and staff.

We pray that biblical and constitutional principles be upheld in domestic and foreign affairs, especially regarding Israel and Jerusalem, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Russia, North Korea, India, China, Cuba, and Venezuela.

Affirm the Lordship of Christ over all elected and appointed officials, their advisors, staff and associates. (Ps 2:1-6; Rev 1:5)

O God, we intercede for an orderly transfer of authority, and for the appointment of godly men and women into all Cabinet and White House staff and advisory positions.

We pray that security clearance procedures be followed. We likewise intercede for our U.S. Senators and Representatives. We pray that You, Almighty God, will grant grace, wisdom, and moral courage to them. We beg You, Lord, to direct them in their selection of staff and committee assignments.

We ask that all newly elected officials be shielded from terrorism, bribery, and immoral influences, and that You, O Lord, will draw them to prayer as they make the important decisions that will affect our beloved country and the world around us.

We remember their families and we hold up to You, Holy One, our newly elected officials in our state and area.

Bless and guide all who serve the people of our country. Amen.

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God Bless America,  
Land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home.



Mary, Mother of Christ and patroness of our country  
under the title of the Immaculate Conception,  
watch over and guide all of our elected and appointed officials  
that they may do what is right and continually work for justice and peace.

