

# Voting Prayer

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*By Rabbi David Mevorach Seidenberg | Prayer*

With my vote today, I am prepared and intending  
to seek peace for this country, as it is written (Jer. 29:7):  
"Seek out the peace of the city where I cause you to roam  
and pray for her sake to God YHVH, for in her peace you all will have peace."

May it be Your will that votes will be counted faithfully,  
and may You account my vote as if I had fulfilled this verse with all my power.  
May it be good in Your eyes to give a wise heart to whomever we elect today  
and may You raise for us a government whose rule is for good and blessing,  
to bring justice and peace to all the inhabitants of the world  
and to [Jerusalem](#), for rulership is Yours.

Just as I participated in elections today,  
so may I merit to do good works and to repair the world with all my actions,  
and with the act of...[fill in your pledge]...which I pledge to do today  
on behalf of all living creatures  
and in remembrance of the covenant of Noah's waters  
to protect and to not destroy the earth and her plenitude.

May You give to all the peoples of this country the strength and the will  
to pursue righteousness and to seek peace as a unified force  
in order to cause to flourish, throughout the world, good life and peace,  
and may You fulfill for us the verse (Ps. 90:17):  
"May the pleasure of Adonai our God be upon us, and establish  
the work of our hands for us; may the work of our hands endure."

If you can't pray in a voting booth, where can you pray? And where would you need more to pray? This prayer is not about casting a winning vote or supporting a particular party. It's a prayer that peace may come through whomever is elected, on behalf of the whole planet. It's also more than that: you, the pray-er, are invited to add your own pledge that embodies the ideals you are praying for and voting for, to live your prayer. This pledge is based on the Jewish custom of pledging to give charity, when going up to the [Torah](#). What is your pledge on the occasion of "going up" to the voting booth? The two lines following this pledge express the intention to act in the highest interests of all creatures. Please modify these lines to express in your own words why you act.

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