

A person is shown from the side, holding a thick book. The scene is dimly lit with a warm, golden-brown glow, possibly from a low sun or a lamp, creating a soft, atmospheric effect. The person is wearing a dark, long-sleeved garment. The background is out of focus, showing what appears to be a textured surface like a wall or a large piece of fabric.

**21 DAY ELECTION
PRAYER FOCUS**

OCTOBER 20 - NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Church family,

Multiple people have asked me if it is possible to maintain unity with brothers and sisters in Christ during an election season. The fundamental question is, *"If we are not on the same side of the political aisle, are we able to be unified as a church?"*

The short answer is YES!

It requires shifting your thinking from temporal to eternal. Elections are important, but this particular moment in history will be a footnote in the history of the church of Jesus Christ. After this election, after the next administration, after our children and grandchildren have watched the patterns of political passion and outrage, the church of God will still be in place, and God's plan will continue to advance.

Furthermore, holiness, unity, and love among God's people will continue to shine because we belong to King Jesus.

Take comfort in Peter's reminder of our identity:

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." 1 Peter 2:9-12

Because of Jesus Christ, we can keep God's family united through the magnitude and strain of an election season.

Will you join me in a specific prayer focus for our church and country the next 21 days?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Satterfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being the most prominent part.

Pastor Mark Satterfield

PRAYING FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH

Day 1

1 Corinthians 12:13-14 - "For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all given one Spirit to drink. Indeed, the body is not one part but many."

PRAYER: Father, I pray each member of The Glade Church knows their place in the body of Christ so we all can serve faithfully and bring glory to You. Amen.

Day 2

John 17:20-21 - Jesus prayed: "I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me."

PRAYER: Father, I pray you break down the walls that separate Your people and keep us apart. Bring us to unity and forgive us for our arrogance and selfishness as we seek to serve the world like your Son did. As we focus more on Jesus, conform us more to Your will. Amen.

Day 3

Psalms 133:1 - "How delightfully good when brothers live together in harmony!"

PRAYER: Father, I pray I may learn to live together with all my brothers and sisters in Christ in holiness, unity, love, and to Your praise and glory. Protect me from selfish motives, disunity or division and help all Your children to stand firm in the faith. Amen.

Day 4

Matthew 25:40 - "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

PRAYER: Father, I pray that you give The Glade Church a spirit of humility and serve those who the Bible calls the least among us. Amen.

Day 5

1 Timothy 2:8 - "Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument."

PRAYER: Father, I pray the Church in America will rise up in unity and devote themselves to prayer so Jesus Christ may be glorified. Amen.

PRAYING FOR GOSPEL ADVANCEMENT

Day 6

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go, therefore, and make disciples of[a] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

PRAYER: Father, I pray that You open the ears and hearts of those You are calling that they may hear and obey Your call to go and share the gospel. Amen.

Day 7

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

PRAYER: Father, I pray that You place a burden on our hearts and reveal to us ways to serve and love our neighbors who do not know You. Give us new ways to reach them with Your love and courage to share. Amen.

Day 8

Matthew 24:14 - "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."

PRAYER: Father, I pray for the gospel to reach every people group all over the world and that Jesus will be known as Lord. Show us our part in Your mission to reach the world. Amen.

Day 9

2 Thessalonians 3:1 - "Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you..."

PRAYER: Father, I pray for obstacles and distractions be removed so that Your Word will spread quickly. Please give extra wisdom and courage for believers in the face of opposition, that Your light may shine brightly through them. May Your Word spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes. Amen.

Day 10

Isaiah 6:8 - "Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

PRAYER: Father, You are a holy, patient, and loving. Thank You for the hope of Heaven through Jesus Christ. I'm so thankful You loved me even when I was unlovely. Here I

am – Use me to spread Your news of love, encouragement, or correction to those in my path. Send me with Your message, Lord. I will go and trust You. Give me wisdom to discern Your voice and courage for the journey. Prepare the hearts of those I meet. Amen.

PRAYING FOR WHOMEVER WINS THE ELECTION

Day 11

Proverbs 14:34 - "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

PRAYER: Father, I pray our hearts and our nation would pursue righteousness rather than sin.

Day 12

Proverbs 9:10 - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

PRAYER: Father, I pray that our fear of You and godly wisdom drive our actions and our country. Amen.

Day 13

Psalms 139:13 - "For You formed my inward parts; You wove me together in my mother's womb."

PRAYER: Father, I pray You will help us to be champions of life. Strengthen us and equip us to do Your work in our communities, our nations, and our world. May we stand for what You have taught us, and may we give You glory in all that we do. Amen.

Day 14

Philippians 2:3-4 - "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interest, but also for the interests of others."

PRAYER: Father, I pray today You will breathe new life into us. Increase our compassion, empathy, and love for our neighbors, no matter their race, ability, age, background, or need. I pray we would be people whose hearts echo Your own heart for Your people. Holy Spirit, be our strength. Amen.

Day 15

Prov. 11:14 - "Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory."

PRAYER: Father, I pray whoever is elected as President to lead our nation, he will surround himself with wise and truthful advisors. Amen.

Day 16

Isaiah 50:10 - "Who is among you that fears the Lord, that obeys the voice of His servant, that walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God."

PRAYER: Father, I pray for a holy fear of God to sweep across our nation, leading us back to a place of wisdom and following Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYING AFTER THE ELECTION

As we continue to pray after the election, may we be thankful to have a voice in the election process and for the opportunity and privilege to vote. May we be even more grateful that God is the ultimate decision-maker.

Isaiah 9:6 - "And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace."

Day 17

Romans 13:1 - "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God."

PRAYER: Father, I pray that we praise You that You are the One in full authority and in control of our nation. Amen.

Day 18

Isaiah 26:3 - "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You."

PRAYER: Father, I pray that you will strengthen us through Your Word and prayer to keep our focus on You, whatever the outcome of this election. Remind us that our prayers of faith move mountains, and as we pray we will hear from You and you will direct our steps. May Your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, regardless of who has been elected. Amen.

Day 19

Proverbs 21:1 - "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes."

PRAYER: Father, I pray that you will guide the President to be responsive to Your leading and govern according to Your standards of truth and justice. Amen.

Day 20

1 John 5:5 - "Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

PRAYER: Father, I pray for a revival and spiritual awakening in our nation. Amen.

Day 21

Philippians 4:6-7 - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

PRAYER: Father, I pray that when we humble ourselves, we will begin growing in our capacity to love each other, even people who are the most different from us. As we pray for our country and its leaders, help us all to see each other with Your love. Amen.

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