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November 2

# Novena Prayer for the United States of America

Pray that in this year's elections *Our Nation* will embrace the moral values of a *Culture of Life*.  
 Pray that America will reclaim her founding principles of faith and dependence upon God in public life.  
 Pray that believers will reject apathy and take an active role in the elections by registering to vote and actually voting.  
 Pray that candidates will understand their responsibility to serve the people, to protect life and family, and to adhere to the Law of God.

*For nine weeks (beginning August 31 & ending November 2) offer this prayer as your gift to Jesus...*



*Jesus,*

*You are the Light of the world!*

*A Light to the nations*

*Nations shall walk by your shining radiance*

*All praise to the King of all kings!*

*Pray*

*Fast*

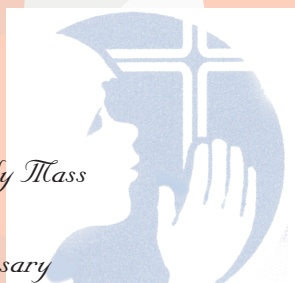
*Adore*

*Love the Holy Mass*

*Confession*

*Pray the Rosary*

*Ask for Mercy in the Divine Mercy Chaplet*



Election resources can be found at  
[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)  
[www.voteforbabies.com](http://www.voteforbabies.com)

To register for this Novena for Life  
[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

To join the ongoing Oremus Prayer  
 Network - a fellowship of believers  
 committed to daily prayer for the  
 conversion of our culture  
[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord,  
 Not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.

We thank you for the privilege  
 Of being able to organize ourselves politically  
 And of knowing that political loyalty  
 Does not have to mean disloyalty to you.

We thank you for your law,  
 Which our Founding Fathers acknowledged  
 And recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank you for the opportunity that this election year  
 puts before us,  
 To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote,  
 But to influence countless others to vote,  
 And to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened.  
 Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation,  
 Their response to you requires that they be politically active.

Awaken your people to know that they are not called  
 to be a sect fleeing the world  
 But rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them to know that the same hands lifted up  
 to you in prayer  
 Are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth;  
 That the same eyes that read your Word  
 Are the eyes that read the names on the ballot,  
 And that they do not cease to be Christians  
 When they enter the voting booth.

Awaken your people to a commitment to justice  
 To the sanctity of marriage and the family,  
 To the dignity of each individual human life,  
 And to the truth that human rights begin when  
 human lives begin,  
 And not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today  
 That we are citizens of your kingdom.

May that make us all the more committed  
 To being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life*