

*"I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips..." –President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## **Lebanon Presbyterian Church 2020 General Election Prayer Vigil Guidance**

- Prepare your heart to pray by praising God. Confess your sins. Thank Him for His amazing grace. As you begin to intercede for our nation and its people, ask for insight and boldness to pray according to God's will.
- Pray God would encourage all eligible voters to exercise their voting rights and provide them with wisdom and discernment; that they would not vote selfishly, but in the best interests of all citizens.
- Pray for incumbents as well as those who will become our newly elected leaders. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." (1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV)*

Pray God would direct their hearts in the way He would lead them. *"The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will." (Proverbs 21:1 ESV)*

That God would supply them with godly wisdom. *"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." (James 3:17 ESV)*

That God would surround them with godly counsel. *"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." (Proverbs 11:14 ESV)*

- Praise God that He alone is sovereign and all-wise. Ultimately, only He determines who our leaders are and we in turn are to honor and subject ourselves to them. *"...[T]he Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men." (Daniel 4:17 ESV).*

*"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." (Romans 13:1 ESV)*

- Acknowledge before God that our nation is in a state of moral and spiritual decline and He alone can heal it. *"23 He makes nations great, and he destroys them; he enlarges nations, and leads them away. 24 He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a pathless waste. 25 They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man." (Job 12:23-25 ESV)*

*"if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV)*

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!" (Psalm 33:12 ESV)"*

- This may be the first election in our nation's history with many outcomes still undecided on election night. Ask for patience until results are announced and that our citizens would accept the results peaceably. As you close in prayer, depart with confidence and at peace. *"14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." (1 John 5:14-15 ESV)*