**PRAYING FOR THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL TERM**

INSTRUCTION: The following prayer assignment is for individual use. You are requested to kneel down and lay the paper in front of you on a chair.

NOTE*: This prayer will need to be adjusted prior to each election.*

This prayer requires deep personal participation; offering your *very own conviction* in regard to each of the 13 points you are praying about. Do not only read the suggested prayer; *enter* into it.

1. Either pray wholeheartedly that which is suggested,
2. *or* offer a better prayer than the one suggested.
3. *or* simply tell your Divine Father that this point does not apply to you and you will not participate in that one item.

After praying for a point immediately mark which of the 3 varieties you used. Like = a.1 or b.13, etc.

Read and PRAY only one point at a time. Read point #1 and immediately pray over that point. Then move on to point #2 and so on. Do ***NOT*** pre-read all 13 points!

We focus our prayers on *the future of Ukraine*. The future begins with the present. Presently we have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as president. We therefore focus on him as our reference point- knowing that he is ***NOT*** perfect. Also take note that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not free to do as he wills, but he is dependent upon the agreement/work of the Vergovno Rad. Furthermore the president’s desire to do things correctly can be thwarted by many corrupt associates. These things easily minimize the presidential results.

*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and* ***giving of thanks****, be made for … for presidents, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*

*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

*Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time*. 1Ti 2:1-6

**\_\_1.**  Heavenly Father you gave us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as president.

We are thankful that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?believes? in you Lord.

We appreciate that this president shows respect to the church as a whole, not just the Orthodox tradition.

Thank you for the time of peace and opportunities he has provided to practice our faith and win souls for You.

You gave us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a man who has a good reputation as a family man.

We thank you for a leader with a good family reputation. We thank you for his example in this area.

We praise you Lord for giving us a president who had an honest business. We thank you that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did not build his life around alcohol, bars, nightclubs, women or other vile activities. We praise you Lord that he gave us freedom to do evangelism and save souls.

We glorify your name O Holy Trinity that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saw fit to enable us to celebrate the Reformation. We thank you Jesus that the Reformation brought revival to our dear Ukraine in the 17th century.

As we have celebrated this Great event of Your Mighty Working in 2017, we ask that the Blood of Jesus be applied in a fresh new way to our land again.

Thank you Father for this enablement to win souls through president \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What other personal expressions of thanks can you offer to our Eternal Father in regard to president \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**\_\_2.** Lord, our members have sinned – Your Word tells us *"Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people.”* Exo 22:28) Our members have broken your command Lord Jesus. They blasphemed You by not believing that You installed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be our president.

And our churches have not grown – our denomination has been shrinking. Lord God Almighty bestow your mercy upon us we beg and revive us.

Help us as denominational leaders to ask our pastors “Do you know more about politics than president \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

So why do you criticize him?” Oh, our Father Ruler of Heaven and Earth, let us deeply influence our pastors to return to Your Word, honor you and the government you have given us; for it is written: *'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.'* Act 23:5)

Most of our members have failed to pray for our government. Lord forgive our church members for this negligence.

Most of our church leaders have failed to bless our government leaders.

Father in Heaven forgive our local church leaders for not honoring you in our government situations. Forgive them we pray for their laxness.

Forgive our Oblast Presbyters for not promoting your Biblical instructions regarding our Ukrainian government.

Be gracious and provide abundant mercy for this failure.

Forgive our various top level denominational leaders for not giving priority to the salvation of souls by lifting-up our government into Your presence so that Your Glory might be seen in our government.

Lord God Omnipotent we all have sinned in this area and greatly come short of your desire for Ukraine.

Forgive each of us individually and restore us. Bring back upon our denomination your Divine FAVOR.

**\_\_3.**  You the Ruler of the Universe made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet. Psa. 8:6) You, the Eternal one made president \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ master of his household, ruler over all he possessed, Psa. 105:21)

Eternal Father our denomination need to invoke the Lord’s blessing and anointing upon our government leaders.

All our leaders on different levels need to personally pray with their local, Oblast, or national leaders.

We Your people need to bring heavenly blessings to our government. Open our eyes to the task of giving blessings and not curses or criticisms. Enable us to obey you Jesus when you said “I desire mercy”.

Teach all of us to do what you yourself did.

How Lord Jesus do you want us denominational leaders to advise our pastors regarding the next presidential vote? A vote that may drastically influence our religious freedom and the right to build churches.

*Prov. 21:1   The (*president’s*) heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turns it whithersoever he will.*

**\_\_4.** From both the Bible and secular history we know the deep lasting influence government rulers have on the spreading or repression of the Gospel – Hezekiah/Manasseh, Caesar Augustus/Nero, Queen Victoria/Hitler.

We need a president and other government leaders who have character and integrity.

O Almighty Ruler give us your Divine insight into the character and integrity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What have these candidates to offer to the spreading of the gospel and the establishment of Your Eternal Kingdom Lord Jesus our Christ?

**\_\_5.** Should we as believers be better off to continue with a second term of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as president?

Or would we be better starting all over from scratch with a new man of many promises and unproved character?

Holy Spirit we desperately seek your guidance. Future generations of souls not yet born are at stake.

Give us Divine Power and Wisdom to elect the politicians of Your choice.

**\_\_6.** O God Almighty pour out your grace upon us your children; all true believers.

Our members Lord are at the mercy of unscrupulous political opportunists.

As you know Lord, our members receive only information from ungodly news media; provide your wisdom in an unprecedented outpouring of Divine political wisdom.

How can we do Your Work Lord if we will be covered with a landslide of evil, selfish, corrupt politicians?

Lord we have more than 45 million souls plus many, many animals. It is on behalf of all these to whom you have given life that we ask for an extension of Your favor upon Ukraine.

Close hell, open Heaven that our Ukraine might become the central power for reaching Europe for Christ.

**\_\_7.** Who of us Your children can believe that the other candidates have nothing but very pure motives – no selfish interests? Speak to us Father; open our eyes to your truth.

Who of us your children can believe that the next president will be free from corruption?

Ezekiel called us to be watchmen and blow the WARNING trumpet. (*Ahead of time*)

Holy Spirit clarify to us your Biblical standards these candidates are following or violating.

**\_\_8.** Power – money – prestige are much more attractive to many would-be presidents than unselfishly serving Ukraine. Who if any Lord, of these new self-appointed candidates can do better than president \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Show us Lord which political leaders we need to grant us spiritual fruit for eternity.

**\_\_9.** Does the news media know more about all the intricacies of running a country than president \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other good politicians? So why then is their so much negative reporting and negative gossip?

Lord God our members need discernment.

Lord, our members get almost exclusively biased, twisted information from unbelievers.

Help us as denominational leaders to stand up and create a counter force of righteousness.

Help us to train our Oblast Presbyters. Help us to train our pastors.

Help us, o Eternal Ruler to have courage, stamina, and priority to lay a foundation for long-term evangelism and church planting.

**\_\_10.** Lord Jesus help our pastors to search the Book of Proverbs – about character and integrity for rulers.

Should our members choose a politician who has been sleeping around or should they choose a man of one wife? What Bible morals should our pastors be preaching and teaching about?

Help us to apply the Holy Scriptures, your Word O Lord to our voting process, so that we may gather in a rich harvest of souls for generations to come.

**\_\_11.** The Bible says that loudmouths are not to be trusted – so why trust those who make sweeping promises?

Many new candidates villainously pull down present good leaders with false reports and lift themselves up with false promises which they do not intend to keep or have the ability to keep. Why should we believe their inflated boasting?

Lord, let your Word be our guideline:

*A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long life.* (Pro 28:16)

*The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools. (*Ec. 9:17)

**\_\_12.** In a group of people who should we trust more – the loud-mouth shouting or the quiet one who seems to be thinking and speaks cautiously? So who **not** to vote for???

Who will **not** provide a local/national climate to expand righteousness?

Who will **not** promote Biblical morals? Who will **not** promote wholesome marriages?

Who will **not** promote financial honesty? Who will **not** promote the values we believers hold dear?

*Their leader will be one of their own; their ruler will arise from among them. I will bring him near and he will come close to me, for who is he who will devote himself to be close to me?' declares the LORD*. (Jer. 30:21)

So Creator of Mankind we ask for your discernment, your power to choose this kind of a president.

A man after your own heart – like David.

Your Personal friend – like Abraham.

A president You greatly love – like Daniel.

**\_\_13.** Our Russian Brothers have not understood the power of praying for their government.

They did not understand the liberation and freedom that a positive government with high morals could have on evangelism, winning souls to Christ and planting new churches. Now for them most of that freedom is gone.

Lord God our Heavenly Father is there a lesson for us to learn from their lack of Biblical understanding?

Lord God give our church leaders zeal and vision for you God to overrule the voting process and secure future liberties and freedom to continue winning souls, do evangelism and plant churches in Ukraine.

Lord Jesus Christ we pray for new Ukrainian Government Leaders that will look for righteousness and enhance spirituality.

**For a personal review;**

*At the conclusion of these 13 prayers you will have a good birds-eye overview of the whole. It will give you a picture like that of a high soaring eagle looking for its target.*

*In these prayers we are talking about the SOUL of UKRAINE. Dear brother, what is to become of our nation?*

*How will you follow-up and assist our oblast presbyters, help our pastors, and refocus our members?*

*Please close this time of prayer by very briefly reviewing each of these 13 items to see if in your inner most being you have approached the Holy Trinity as a true worshipper worshipping the Father in spirit and in truth: Joh 4:23a*

*Loving the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind / all your understanding vs 33/ and with all your strength. Mar. 12:30, 33 & Luk. 10:27*

*For the Father seeks such to worship him. Joh 4:23b*

*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Joh 4:24*

DO WE HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR DISCUSSION?

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| You may not wish to vote for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , but if you consider another candidate be careful to note what spiritual contribution he would make to Ukraine – to us Baptists – to Evangelism.  *What other candidate would in your opinion help believers much more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.  That is the question we need to consider. |