



## **One country moving into elections next week**

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After the long wait, finally August is here with us, and eighth will be on Tuesday next week. Much has happened in the preparations for the elections. Looking back, we can talk of the IEBC preparations, preparedness, and court cases. We can also talk of political parties, coalitions, nomination of candidates, independent candidates, deaths, and the campaigns. For the ordinary citizen, the voter, we can talk of anxiety, fear, uncertainty, hope, and so forth. Many Christians, churches, intercessory teams, and prayer movements have been on their knees throughout this time, asking God for a peaceful, fair, and credible election. This week we will be tying up everything as we look at voting next week.

### **MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> IEBC PREPAREDNESS**

1Corinthians 4:2

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

The greatest job, the one everyone is currently scrutinizing, is the IEBC job. Great demands are being put on them; great expectations.... Let us spend time to hold them in prayer before God, that their work be received well by all, and that they be good stewards.

- a) Pray for Wafula Chebukati, Ezra Chiloba and their team in the IEBC. Pray that they will remain sober, independent, and open, in their running of this election. Pray for God's favor so that they can handle whatever challenges that may come their way.
- b) Pray for the various polling centers, polling clerks, returning officers, observers, and security teams that will be involved in the elections next week. Pray that none will be compromised, but that all will serve this nation honestly, and for the good of all.
- c) Pray for the voting, tallying, and announcing of results. Pray that there will be no confusions in the voter registers; that no legitimate voter will be denied the chance to vote, and that votes will not be spoilt.
- d) Pray against mix-ups in voter materials; pray against delays in opening and closing of polling stations; pray against power failure and failure of election kits-biometric and results transmission kits.
- e) Pray for an open, and secure counting of votes, and that there will be no chaos during the counting and announcing of results.

### **TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> PREPAREDNESS OF THE CANDIDATES**

1Tim 3:1 Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.

1Ti m3:2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

1Tim 3:3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.



**How prepared are our candidates? How will we choose them? What will be our criteria for voting? In the church setting, certain moral and spiritual values are expected. Uphold all of them before God, and let His grace and light rest upon them.**

- a) Pray for all the candidates that have offered themselves for the various positions. Pray for every MCA candidate, MP candidate, Senator Candidate, Women Rep candidate, Governor Candidate, and Presidential candidate.
- b) Pray that victors will show humility, and that losers will find grace and strength to continue in life.
- c) Pray that all candidates will be ready for whatever outcome of the elections. Pray that none will collapse with shock because of the results.
- d) Pray for their campaign teams, strategists, and supporters, that they will carry themselves soberly throughout the elections.
- e) Pray that these candidates, and their families, will remain united even after the elections.
- f) Pray for their security, and that of their families.

### **WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>      PREPAREDNESS OF THE VOTER**

Ex 19:10 And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes  
Ex 19:11 and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.  
Ex 19:12 Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, ‘Be careful that you do not go up the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

**Our prayer today goes out for all citizens that are expected to vote. One of the good and best ways of making our voices heard, is by voting. However, how have we prepared for the occasion?**

- a) Pray that every registered voter will consider this election seriously, and come out and vote.
- b) Pray that the Lord gives us fair weather so that voters can cue, and vote, without interferences of rain, or dehydration because of heat.
- c) Pray that those registered in town will not miss to vote because of choosing to flee from their towns.
- d) Pray for those who must appear at places of work that they will not be left out of this great occasion to decide for our country.
- e) Pray for soberness as voters cue: that they will keep their choices secret; that they will not be coerced; that they will maintain peace and orderliness.
- f) Pray that every voter will know what to do once in the voting cubicles. Pray against negative manipulation that can arise for those who don't know how to read and write.



### **THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>      PREPAREDNESS FOR PEACEFUL ELECTIONS**

Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!  
Phil 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.  
Phil 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Let the peace that comes from the prince of peace be our potion in Jesus name.**

- a) Pray that the campaigns will end peacefully.
- b) Pray that the voting day will be peaceful.
- c) Pray that voters, candidates, security teams, and polling officers will be peaceful.
- d) Pray that there will be peace and understanding in the counting of votes.
- e) Pray that there will be peace in the relaying and announcing of results.
- f) Pray that the process will be so fair, that candidates will accept results as they are announced.
- g) Pray that all Kenyans will be at peace with each other, and in this election.

### **FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>      PREPAREDNESS FOR CHANGES OF GUARD**

2Kings 2:9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.  
2Kings 2:10 “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not.” ...

**In the elections coming next week, there will be both continuity and change.**

- a) Pray that winners of the elections will celebrate peacefully, and in a way that brings together all voters, regardless of whom they voted for.
- b) Pray that those continuing will be accepted and supported as they take up their responsibilities.
- c) Pray that sitting candidates will humbly hand over to their successors in the event that they are defeated in the polls.
- d) Pray that the incoming leaders will have a good way of handling staff that they find in their offices, and that where there will be change, the old staff will adjust appropriately so as to work with the incoming MCA, MP, Women Rep, Senator, Governor, or President.
- e) Pray that God helps us so that petitions challenging the elections will not be there, and if they must be there, that our courts will handle them fairly and speedily.



## **SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>      PREPAREDNESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS**

Dan 2:19 During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven  
Dan 2:20 and said: "Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are his.  
Dan 2:21 He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.  
Dan 2:22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.  
Rom 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

**Our presidential elections seem to be very key. However, let's pray that God will give us a president of His choice, a president that will be good to all Kenyans.**

- a) Pray that the presidential results will come out in a way that Kenyans will accept.
- b) Pray that the presidential results will not build tensions amongst Kenyans.
- c) Pray that the Lord gives us a clear winner of the presidential elections
- d) Pray that the tallying in Bomas will be accepted by all Kenyans as being above board.
- e) Pray that there will be no delays from polling centers.
- f) Pray that there will be no delays from the national tallying center.
- g) Pray that media houses, and their many analysts will give Kenyans an assurance, and that their statements will bring out peace, harmony, and acceptance of outcome.

## **SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2017      PREPAREDNESS FOR CLOSURE OF CAMPAIGNS**

Eccl. 7:8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.  
Eccl. 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

**As the campaign bells go off, let's entrust everything into the able hands of God. He is faithful.**

- a) Thank God for all the candidates that have presented themselves for our consideration.
- b) Thank God for the generally peaceful campaigns that we have had.
- c) Thank God for all the political parties, coalitions, and independent candidates that presented themselves.
- d) Thank God for the voters that have generally carried themselves peacefully.
- e) Declare that God is over all in Kenya.
- f) Declare that because of God we will have peaceful elections in Kenya.
- g) Declare that results of this election will be acceptable to us all.
- h) Declare that this election will see Kenya move to better and greater levels of peace, harmony, unity, and development.
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**"May the people praise you God; may all the people praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the people with equity and guide the nations of the earth"**  
(Psalm 67:4-3)