

Election Prayer, 2008

Dear God,

It is obvious that the political machinery is working harder than ever before in the history of our land to make me believe that one of the senators running for the presidency is the devil himself, while the other is the only light shining in this dark night. Every four years it's the same, and every four years I fall for it all over again. But Lord, this time I want to be delivered from the silliness, and the deceitfulness of it all. For that reason, I ask the following favors:

1. You know that I very much want one particular senator to be our next president, and that I have been praying for him and his running mate for that very reason. But Father, I also know that you have commanded your children to pray for all in authority. And so, though I really do not feel like doing this, I right now pray the exact same prayer for the other senator and his running mate: that he will have a strong sense of your presence, your power, your will, your righteousness, and your holiness. Help him to understand that above all else we need a president of godly character, who daily looks to you for guidance and courage; that he may be found often on his knees seeking your gracious help.
2. Also Father, I promise you here and now with all the sincerity I possess, that regardless of which one is elected I will pray for him and his running mate, and their families, their staff and the cabinet every day, asking that these identical favors be granted throughout his administration.
3. Also dear Lord, you know that I intend to go into the voting booth and mark my ballot in a certain way. But, just between you and me, I promise you that I am determined to remain firmly planted in neutral. I want you to be at perfect liberty to change my mind at any time, even up to the very last moment.
4. Finally dear Lord, I ask you to throw the camp of the enemy into confusion: those who, both at home and abroad, seek to destroy your works of righteousness, holiness, and godliness. May their schemes crumble into disarray, may their clever plots become ensnared in the very traps they themselves have set, and may their conspiracies fall into the pit they dug with their own hands. Father, I ask for this kindness without regard to partisan loyalties. Indeed, I know that my party and my candidate may very well be the ones on the receiving end of your sovereign and holy intervention. But I ask it anyway, because I beg of you that your will, and not mine, be done.

In Jesus' holy and precious name,

Amen