

Canopy of Prayer

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Dear Prayer Partners in Europe

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven:- There are Trump fans. There are Biden fans. Can both agree to be Jesus fans? That means: We both come to the throne of the Lord of history and praise HIM and His actions. We lay down our political opinion before Him and agree with His actions. Whatever He does. We leave God free to act differently from how we think. We are no longer God's advisers, but God's admirers. By leaving God free, we become free ourselves. And then political opponents suddenly become brothers again. Because we bow down together before God, who alone overrules and knows everything and leads on to His divine end. Glory to him! For everything.

PS. Only those who praise God, even if the opposite happens, have understood and recognised God's sovereignty and eternal nature. Only they praise God with a truly free heart.

Spiritual handling of the US elections

This is the question for all who pray: How should we pray for the US election, the outcome of which has still not been announced? The situation has hardened into an aggressive for and against by both camps. This rift runs not only through American society, but through the whole world, yes, right through the middle of the body of Christ. Why? Because we all, as believers, also have a political opinion as citizens. And it will stay that way. But how then is the communion of the church preserved? By leaving the political level and gathering at the throne of grace. It was liberating for me every time I did this.



Worship

It takes some time of silence before the voices in me are silent and I feel that I have reached the throne. There I meet the Lord of All, who holds everything in his hands, from where nothing slips away. I remain silent and feel a great burden drop from me. I don't have to win anymore. HE wins! So I just adore Him. I take a deep breath and calmness returns.

Thanks

And from the throne of glory now I look to the United States. My heart becomes free to thank God for this country, although there are many things I do not understand. But from the throne I see the infinite grace over the land. I also feel free to give thanks for President Trump, for the many good things he has initiated; and I also give thanks for the peace and kindness Joe Biden is communicating to the people. It's not difficult at all, because the thanks are no longer about people and power, but about God and His glory and His work.

Petition

Changed in my feelings, I now begin no longer to ask God for my political options, but that the just, good will of my Father should come through as soon as possible, that peace should be in the country and new fellowship in his church. I feel God's love for the USA in me.

Lamentation

Now it comes to the point where I feel that a candidate or the whole of US society is sinful. I listen carefully to the Spirit so that I am not trapped by my own views, but rather feel where the Spirit of God is really grieved. I complain to the Lord about this, possibly even with tears. Here, priestly prayer, intercession, is needed. "O high priest Jesus, take me into your pain and your prayer."

Proclamation

Here I ask the Holy Spirit to come up with words from the Bible that I should proclaim over the USA, over Donald Trump and Joe Biden, over the race question, etc. convinced in my heart that the Word of God does not return empty. It could also possibly be a song. In doing this, I notice how I am no longer subject to my political judgments, but how I am prophetically lifted above the situation by the Spirit to express the will of God. Anyone who can blow a shofar will be happy to do so here in this context.

Blessing

In Greek and Latin, blessing means "saying good". But here too: It's not about my emotions and sympathies, but about God's big heart that also loves the sinner. And what I speak, I speak on his behalf, I raise my hands as the Lord commanded Aaron, and lay God's blessings on the land and on the people, on President Trump and on Joe Biden, by speaking. "The Lord bless you (Donald, Joe, USA, black community etc.) and keep you; may the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his face upon you (...) and give you his peace. "



EU-UK Trade Negotiations

As the negotiations for a trade agreement between the UK and the EU draw to a close this week, please remember all those involved in the process, that they may find an agreement which is equitable to both sides and so avoid the possibility of chaos in the new year.

Additional Prayer Points:-

1. Pray for the current situation across Europe where the number of COVID cases is increasing above those seen in the first wave.
2. Pray for the uneasy peace treaty between Armenia and Azerbaijan which has caused political unrest in Armenia.

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