

A Litany for use during an election campaign

Lord of every time and place,
God of integrity and truth,
we pray for wisdom as we prepare to vote in the [Federal] election.

Let us give thanks to God, saying, 'we thank you, Lord'.

For this land and the diversity of its peoples,
we thank you, Lord.

For all who work for peace and justice in this land,
we thank you, Lord.

For leaders who serve the common good,
we thank you, Lord.

For robust democracy and freedom to participate in public life,
we thank you, Lord.

For media scrutiny and open debate,
we thank you, Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, 'Hear us, good Lord'.

Bless those who administer the electoral process,
that they may uphold fairness, honesty and truth.
Hear us, good Lord.

Impart your wisdom to all who propose policy,
that their promises may serve those in greatest need.
Hear us, good Lord.

Give integrity to party leaders, candidates and campaign workers,
and keep them from deceit and corruption.
Hear us, good Lord.

Protect all engaged in public life, with their families, friends and colleagues,
that nothing may demean or do them harm.
Hear us, good Lord.

Direct those who influence opinion through the media,
that we may listen, speak and vote with sound minds.
Hear us, good Lord.

The Litany concludes with one or both of these prayers:

Lord of every time and place, God beyond our dreaming,
we pray for wisdom as we prepare to vote in the [Federal] election.
Give us a Parliament committed to the priorities of your kingdom,
so that peace, compassion, truth and justice may prevail among us,

and make us a blessing to all peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God, bless Australia,
guard our people
guide our leaders
and give us peace;
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

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