

ELECTION PRAYER

Pray that morality would be restored in our nation.

	Democratic Platform	Republican Platform
Abortion	Unrestricted access at taxpayer expense	All unborn children have a fundamental right to life
Gay Marriage	Supports same-sex marriage	Supports marriage as only between one man and one woman
Israel	*Recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel on revised vote	Recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel on first vote
God	*A single mention of God was added after initial removal from 1012 platform language	Mentions God 12 times in 2012 platform.

HUMILITY

2 Chron 7:14-15 NIV

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

NATION

Prov 14:34 NIV

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Jer 18:8-9 NIV

if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.

Ps 33:12 NIV

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance

GOD

Isa 29:13 NIV

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Deut 6:4-5 NIV

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Mal 2:2 NIV

If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor my name," says the Lord Almighty, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor me.

Deut 10:12-13 NIV

And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

Deut 11:13-17, NIV

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today — to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul — 14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. 15 I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. 16 Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. 17 Then the Lord's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the Lord is giving you.

Ex 20:3

"You shall have no other gods before me."

Num 20:12 NIV

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

JERUSALEM

Jer 3:17-18 NIV

At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the Lord, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the Lord. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.

ISRAEL

Gen 27:29 NIV

May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

Gen 12:3 NIV

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

1 Sam 2:30-31 NIV

Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.

ABORTION

Abortion ethics at its heart is a selfish grasping at personal rights to the exclusion of others. It is a bold overpowering of the weak by the strong. [Abortion, The Bible & The Christian, by Rev. Donald Shoemaker]

Gen 9:6 NASB

"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

Ex 21:22-24 NASB

"And if men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she has a miscarriage, yet there is no further injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him; and he shall pay as the judges decide. 23 But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life,

Life Is From God

Birth is only a change in environment for the unborn, not a change in his or her own personal being.

Job 33:4(KJV)

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

God Our Creator

Early Christianity gave to the world a renewed sense of dignity, for it saw man as created in the image of God and affirmed that God had interest in each individual both before and after birth.

Jer. 1:4-5(LB)

The Lord said to me, "I knew you before you were formed within your mother's womb; before you were born I sanctified you and appointed you as my spokesman to the world."

Ps. 119:73(KJV)

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me...

Man Created In God's Image

Gen. 1:26(KJV)

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness;...

Man has worth because of who he is, not because of what he might become.

Children, God's Gift

Ps. 127:3(LB)

Children are a gift from God; they are his reward.

HOMOSEXUALITY

Lev. 20:13(NIV)

If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their heads.

1 Cor. 6:9-11(NIV)

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Jude :7(NIV)

In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

Eph. 5:3(NIV)

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed; because these are improper for God's holy people.

MARRIAGE

The origin of marriage. God is the author of marriage according to Genesis 2:18-24. Because it is God's institution it is sacred.

The sanctity of marriage. Jesus affirmed the sanctity of marriage by performing his first miracle at a wedding feast. Because marriage is sacred, it is not to be replaced with something that is more culturally relevant. It is to be held with the highest esteem and to be entered into with the deepest commitment.

The purpose of marriage. Companionship is the primary purpose of marriage. God said it is not good to be alone. Procreation is the secondary purpose. Marriage is a living illustration of Christ and His love and relationship with the church. Marriage is to display to the world, the relationship between God and His people.

Heb 13:4-5 NIV

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Gen 9:7 NASB

"And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

Eph 5:23-24 NIV

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Rev 19:7-8 NIV

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

John 3:27-30 NIV

To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less.