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MEMO: *Call to Prayer Intentions Ahead of Election*
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Bearing in mind our nation's challenges and the particularly urgent need for wise, moral, civic leadership in addressing them, the *Call to Prayer Intentions* will be adapted beginning Friday, September 23, 2016 - Friday, November 11, 2016 to highlight certain time-sensitive matters of national concern. This is being done in collaboration with Catholics from around the country.

In addition to an invitation to fast on Fridays, participants will be encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the week's intention and for our civic leaders and upcoming elections.

In case parish staff would like to share or expand upon this effort, a list of these specific intentions and accompanying, shareable images will be accessible [here](#). Thank you for your continued, prayerful leadership in facing the many challenges present in our nation.

Call to Prayer Intentions

September 23 through November 11, 2016

Friday, September 23

May all people understand the moral and ethical dimensions of political decisions and decide accordingly.

Friday, September 30

May all Americans recall the necessity of dialogue, civility, and humility in this election season.

Friday, October 7

Through Our Lady of the Rosary's aid, may voters & elected leaders uphold the dignity of human life in their political engagement.

Friday, October 14

May Catholics recall all aspects of Catholic Social Teaching as they consider their votes.

Friday, October 21

May there be a transformation of politics to focus on the dignity of the human person and the common good.

Friday, October 28

May we keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.

Friday, November 4

As we approach the polls, may we understand & embrace the principles of our Faith that should guide our political engagement.

Tuesday, November 8 (Special on Election Day)

Today we pray for a peaceful, just, and grace-filled election.

Friday, November 11

May the leaders elected this week be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions.