

# 2020 Voter Prayer Guide

Father God, help me to vote for biblical values.

## Life

### Democratic Party

“We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who . . . will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including . . . Roe v. Wade. . . . Democrats believe every woman should be able to access high quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women’s reproductive health and rights.” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 39, 42](#))

### Republican Party

“The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can ‘be deprived of life, liberty or property’ deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that ‘all’ are ‘endowed by their Creator’ with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 13](#))

(Ps 139:13-15)

## Religious Freedom

### Democratic Party

“Democrats celebrate America’s history of religious pluralism and tolerance, and recognize the countless acts of service of our faith communities, as well as the paramount importance of maintaining the separation between church and state enshrined in our Constitution.” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 48](#))

### Republican Party

“We value the right of America’s religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith. Republicans believe the federal government, specifically the IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs . . . . We pledge to defend the religious beliefs and rights of conscience of all Americans and to safeguard religious institutions against government control. . . . [W]e strongly support the freedom of Americans to act in accordance with their religious beliefs, not only in their houses of worship, but also in their everyday lives.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 11-12](#))

(Jn 8:36)

## Environment

### Democratic Party

“Climate change is a global emergency. We have no time to waste in taking action to protect Americans’ lives and futures.” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 49](#))

### Republican Party

“Conservation is inherent in conservatism. As the pioneer of environmentalism a century ago, the Republican Party reaffirms the moral obligation to be good stewards of the God-given natural beauty and resources of our country. We assert that private ownership has been the best guarantee of conscientious stewardship, while some of the worst instances of degradation have occurred under government control.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 21](#))

(Gen 1:26)

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## Marriage and Sexuality

### Democratic Party

“Democrats applaud this year’s U.S. Supreme Court decision that made clear that employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity violates the law . . . We will fight to enact the Equality Act . . . We will work to ensure LGBTQ+ people are not discriminated against when seeking to adopt or foster children, protect LGBTQ+ children from bullying and assault, and guarantee transgender students’ access to facilities based on their gender identity.” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 42](#))

### Republican Party

“Foremost among those institutions is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman. . . . [We oppose the imposition of] a social and cultural revolution upon the American people by wrongly redefining sex discrimination . . . reshap[ing] . . . our entire society — to fit the mold of an ideology alien to America’s history and traditions.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 31, 35](#))

(Gen 1:27) (Heb 13:4)

## Health Care

### Democratic Party

“Democrats have fought to achieve universal health care for a century. We are proud to be the party of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act. . . . [W]e fundamentally believe health care is a right for all . . .” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 26-27](#))

### Republican Party

“Any honest agenda for improving healthcare must start with repeal of the dishonestly named Affordable Care Act . . . It has driven up prices for all consumers. Their insurance premiums have dramatically increased while their deductibles have risen about eight times faster than wages in the last ten years. . . . It must be removed and replaced with an approach based on genuine competition, patient choice, excellent care, wellness, and timely access to treatment.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 36](#))

(Gal 6:2) (Jas 5:13)

## Economy

### Democratic Party

“Democrats will forge a new social and economic contract with the American people—a contract that creates millions of new jobs and promotes shared prosperity, closes racial gaps in income and wealth, guarantees the right to join or form a union, raises wages and ensures equal pay for women and paid family leave for all, and safeguards a secure and dignified retirement.” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 6](#))

### Republican Party

“Government cannot create prosperity, though government can limit or destroy it. Prosperity is the product of self-discipline, enterprise, saving and investment by individuals, but it is not an end in itself. Prosperity provides the means by which citizens and their families can maintain their independence from government, raise their children by their own values, practice their faith, and build communities of cooperation and mutual respect. It is also the foundation for our nation’s global leadership, for it is the vigor of our economy which makes possible our military strength and our national security.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 1](#))

(1 Tm 6:10) (1 Tm 5:8)

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## Racism

### Democratic Party

“Democrats will root out structural and systemic racism in our economy and our society, and reform our criminal justice system from top to bottom, because we believe Black lives matter. . . . We will give hate no safe harbor. We will never amplify or legitimize the voices of bigotry, racism, misogyny, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, or white supremacy.

Democrats will protect and promote the equal rights of all our citizens . . . . We commit ourselves to the vision articulated by Frederick Douglass of “a Government founded upon justice, and recognizing the equal rights of all.” [\(2020 Democratic Party Platform, 6\)](#)

### Republican Party

“We denounce bigotry, racism, anti-Semitism, ethnic prejudice, and religious intolerance. Therefore, we oppose discrimination based on race, sex, religion, creed, disability, or national origin and support statutes to end such discrimination. As the Party of Abraham Lincoln, we must continue to foster solutions to America’s difficult challenges when it comes to race relations today. We continue to encourage equality for all citizens and access to the American Dream. Merit and hard work should determine advancement in our society, so we reject unfair preferences, quotas, and set-asides . . . .” [\(Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 9\)](#)

(Acts 17:24-27)

## Immigration

### Democratic Party

“Democrats support policies and programs to make it easier for qualified immigrants and their families to become full and equal citizens, including increasing funding for culturally appropriate immigrant inclusion and citizenship services, legal support, English classes and bilingual education, workforce development, and adult education.” [\(2020 Democratic Party Platform, 64\)](#)

### Republican Party

“Our party is the natural home for those who come in search of freedom and justice. We welcome all to the Great Opportunity Party. The greatest asset of the American economy is the American worker. Our immigration system must protect American working families and their wages, for citizens and legal immigrants alike, in a way that will improve the economy.” [\(Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 25\)](#)

(Zec 7:9-10) (Rom 13:1-3)

## Education

### Democratic Party

“As Democrats, we believe that education is a critical public good—not a commodity—and that it is the government’s responsibility to ensure that every child, everywhere, is able to receive a world-class education that enables them to lead meaningful lives, no matter their race, ZIP code, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, . . . or household income.” [\(2020 Democratic Party Platform, 64\)](#)

### Republican Party

“Parents are a child’s first and foremost educators, and have primary responsibility for the education of their children. Parents have a right to direct their children’s education, care, and upbringing. We support a constitutional amendment to protect that right from interference by states, the federal government, or international bodies such as the United Nations. We reject a one-size-fits-all approach to education and support a broad range of choices for parents and children at the state and local level.” [\(Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 33\)](#)

(Dt 6:6-7) (Prv 22:6) (Hos 4:6)

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## Israel

### Democratic Party

“Democrats recognize the worth of every Israeli and every Palestinian. That’s why we will work to help bring to an end a conflict that has brought so much pain to so many. We support a negotiated two-state solution that ensures Israel’s future as a Jewish and democratic state with recognized borders and upholds the right of Palestinians to live in freedom and security in a viable state of their own. Democrats oppose any unilateral steps by either side—including annexation—that undermine prospects for two states.” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 91](#))

### Republican Party

“Beyond our mutual strategic interests, Israel is likewise an exceptional country that shares our most essential values. It is the only country in the Middle East where freedom of speech and freedom of religion are found. Therefore, support for Israel is an expression of Americanism, and it is the responsibility of our government to advance policies that reflect Americans’ strong desire for a relationship with no daylight between America and Israel. . . . We oppose any measures intended to impose an agreement or to dictate borders or other terms, and we call for the immediate termination of all U.S. funding of any entity that attempts to do so. Our party is proud to stand with Israel now and always.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 47](#))

(Ps 122:6-9)

## Gun Ownership

### Democratic Party

“Democrats will enact universal background checks, end online sales of guns and ammunition, close dangerous loopholes that currently allow stalkers and some individuals convicted of assault or battery to buy and possess firearms, and adequately fund the federal background check system. . . Democrats will ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines. . . And Democrats believe that gun companies should be held responsible for their products, just like any other business, and will prioritize repealing the law that shields gun manufacturers from civil liability.” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 47-48](#))

### Republican Party

“We uphold the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, a natural inalienable right that predates the Constitution and is secured by the Second Amendment. Lawful gun ownership enables Americans to exercise their God-given right of self-defense for the safety of their homes, their loved ones, and their communities. . . We support firearm reciprocity legislation to recognize the right of law-abiding Americans to carry firearms to protect themselves and their families in all 50 states. We support constitutional carry statutes and salute the states that have passed them. . . . We also oppose any effort to deprive individuals of their right to keep and bear arms without due process of law.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 12-13](#))

(Eccl 9:18) (Lk 22:35-39)

## National Security

### Democratic Party

“Democrats believe that we can only be strong in the world when we are strong and united at home. We believe that a healthy democracy, just society, and inclusive economy are essential prerequisites for effective American leadership abroad. And we believe that the ultimate measure—and purpose—of our foreign policy is whether it protects and advances America’s security, prosperity and values—and delivers results for all Americans. . . . We will ensure that our military has no peer. . . . And, most importantly, Democrats will ensure that the reinvention of American leadership abroad prioritizes and accelerates our renewal at home. We will root a disciplined foreign policy in the needs and aspirations of the American middle class and the imperative of building a more dynamic, fair, and resilient society—the ultimate wellspring of our power.” ([2020 Democratic Party Platform, 72-73](#))

### Republican Party

“We are the party of peace through strength. . . Tyranny and injustice thrive when America is weakened. The oppressed have no greater ally than a confident and determined United States, backed by the strongest military on the planet. . . . We affirm our party’s tradition of world leadership established by President Eisenhower and followed by every Republican president since. It stands for enormous power — and the prudence to use it sparingly, precisely, and only in grave necessity. It stands for involvement, not intervention. It requires consultation, not permission to act. It leads from the front — and ensures all others do their parts as well. It embraces American exceptionalism and rejects the false prophets of decline and diminution.” ([Republican Party Platform 2016/2020, 41, 46](#))

(Joshua 23:10) (Ps 144:1)