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**'Arise, for this matter is your responsibility - be of good courage and do it.'**  
**Ezra 10,4**

With the national call to vote on Thursday, many in God's Kingdom will want to set aside time to intercede for our nation at this time. It is with this in mind that we at Prayer Alert are releasing this Special Election Edition which we hope will help you focus and hear what God would say at *such a time as this*.



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## BRITISH ISLES & IRELAND

### ■ Prayers for Election Day

With the approach of any election day, there are many voices clamouring for attention.

- \* Those who are standing for election tell us why we should vote for them.
- \* Those who are standing against them tell us why we should not vote for them!
- \* The party representatives tell us the same things.
- \* Family and friends give us their opinions.
- \* We give our opinions.

From the clamour of voices we have to find a foundation for our choice.

#### PERSONAL ABILITIES

**Pray** for a candidate who is an able man or woman, who fears God; who is truthful; who is not covetous. Exodus 18:21 (a) 'Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness;'

**Pray** for someone who has leadership ability appropriate for the task Exodus 18:21 (b) 'and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.'

#### PERSONAL QUALITIES

**Pray** for someone who cares for the people 2 Samuel 5:2 'Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you (David) were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the Lord said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.'

**Pray** for someone who desires wisdom and is prudent; seeks knowledge and is discreet; who fears God, hates evil, pride and arrogance; and who is not perverse. Proverbs 8:12 & 13 'I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.'

**Pray** for someone who seeks counsel and wisdom; who has understanding and strength of character. Proverbs 8:14 & 15 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength.

Note the alternative!. Proverbs 28:15 & 16 (a) 'Like a roaring lion and a charging bear is a wicked ruler over poor people. A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor.'

#### THE CHOICE SHOULD NOT BE MADE ON AN EMOTIONAL BASIS.

Moses made his choice based on ability and suitability  
Exodus 18:25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel,

#### MAKING A CHOICE IS A PRIVILEGE AS WELL AS A RESPONSIBILITY.

Joshua spoke to the children of Israel these well recognised words - 'Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.' The situation then was different to today's situation, but the principle is the same. We have a choice to make. As much as possible let us choose people with godly and honourable principles.

As for our vote – here is a question to consider. If we don't use our vote, do we have a right to comment on the result? One day we will be called upon to give an account for what we have done or have not done! Luke 16:3 So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship.' (Emphasis is personal.)

#### **PRAYERFUL ACTION**

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