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PRAYING FOR THE ELECTIONS

SCOTTSDALE, AZ—Hundreds of Americans from diverse backgrounds and places answered *The Presidential Prayer Team (PPT)* call to include prayer for the upcoming elections into their July 4 celebrations.

"I was already planning to have friends over for the holiday weekend," said Deborah Fordham from Chesapeake, VA. "When I read about the prayer party, I thought it sounded like a great idea. My event started off with prayer, and my friends earnestly prayed for the president, the upcoming elections, and the country. I shouldn't have been so surprised, but I was deeply touched by the heartfelt prayers from my friends, and how important it was for them to pray."

Fordham was one of 1,346 people who hosted a *Pray the Vote™ Prayer Party*, a PPT initiative that provides a forum for members and non-members alike to ask for God's wisdom to guide their voting on November 2.

"Research shows that too many citizens, a good number in the Christian community, don't exercise their privilege to vote," said John Lind, PPT's President/CEO. "We want to encourage all people to vote. But we want them to do it after asking for God's wisdom. Prayer Parties are one of several *Pray the Vote™* elements that are intended to help people to do just that."

On October 5 and November 2, PPT will host *Virtual Prayer Rallies™*. With nearly 2,500 people already enrolled, members are asked to sign up for a time they will commit to pray, using materials provided by PPT.

"We believe in the power of prayer," said Lind. "Our intent is not to ask God to get any one candidate elected. Rather, our goal is simply to open a window for God to work through the elections."

Pray the Vote™ features online resources including the history of voting, ideas on how to engage your community in prayer for the elections, and ways to enroll for *Virtual Prayer Rallies™* on October 5 and November 1. Currently, nearly 35,000 of PPT's 3 million participants are enrolled.

The Presidential Prayer Team exists to encourage and motivate people to pray daily for the President, his cabinet and our nation. A non-partisan, non-denominational effort, it exists in perpetuity for whoever occupies the Oval Office. PPT is supported by members and participants and operates without support from the federal government or any political party. Its *Adopt Our Troops™* initiative currently has more than 650,000 people involved. See www.presidentialprayerteam.org for more information.

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