

Today is Election Day in the United States of America.

Countries have different forms of governance. In all cases, authority ultimately comes from God. "For there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God." (Romans 13:1b)

In the United States, power is passed to the "rulers" from the "ruled" by means of the vote. Your use of your vote is an exercise of the God-given power to govern. So, if you are a United States citizen, I earnestly urge you to seek our Lord's guidance and vote your conscience at the polls today.

Pray that our Lord grants courage and wisdom to those who win their elections.

Pray for those who lose their elections, thanking God for their willingness to be candidates and for their well-being and future.

Indeed, the Apostle Paul urges us to pray for those in authority, that it may be well for us.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Above all, today: VOTE!

With joy – E. Stanley Ott, November 2, 2010 Vol. 9, No. 36, VOTE!

### **Prayer Suggestions**

>Today is a very important day in our country. We have the privilege and responsibility to vote. Pray that all who do cast their ballot, carefully consider their decision and accept the results of the election. We need to continually pray that those elected will seek God's guidance as they assume their offices.

>Our church just celebrated our 30th anniversary. That is something to be proud of. Let us all work together, with God's help, to be a beacon of hope and love to those who come here. Let each of us be willing to share with others what this church has meant in our lives.

>We will be celebrating Veterans Day this week. We owe so much to all who served this country in the armed forces. Be sure to thank them and pray for God's protection for all who are serving now.

>Pray for Pastor Jeff, the session, the choir, our secretary Marge, and all the committees who work so hard to keep things running smoothly. All these parts come together to make a beautiful, inspiring whole.

>Ask God to give His comfort, peace, and healing touch to all those on our prayer list who are hurting physically or emotionally.