

# Praying For A Deborah

An Intercessors for America Special Report on praying for and nominating the next Supreme Court Justice.

For years, intercessors have been praying about the potential justices that could and would fill the seats of our aging Supreme Court justices. With the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Court may look different for the first time in decades. Will President Trump nominate a candidate? Will the Senate move forward? Will we see riots and violence from the left in reaction if they do? All of this needs our fervent prayer.

The focus of this Special Report is three-fold. **First**, we will pray for wisdom and guidance for our President and his administration in this situation. **Second**, we encourage you to pray for each of the nominees who are currently on the list of candidates for Supreme Court justice, as recently released by President Trump. **Third**, pray for our nation and the process of appointing the next Supreme Court justice. It will be contentious.

## GOD IS IN THE TIMING

Incidentally, Ginsburg died and left this vacancy on Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year—a day of new beginnings. Is this a new beginning for the Supreme Court and perhaps a turning point for our nation?

In preparation for an open seat that may occur at any time, **a faithful group of believers have been interceding regularly for the seats that could be vacated.** Seeking God, claiming those seats for **God's chosen judges**, is the focus of this small dedicated group of intercessors. Called to intercede particularly for the Supreme Court, these lawyers, leaders, and intercessors are well-informed on the happenings of the Court and its processes and the potential candidates who may be put forth by the nominating Administration. (Some of them even have the stature and standing to speak into the process of suggesting and vetting potential SCOTUS candidates.) But, most of all, they have the God-given burden and willingness to obey—regularly praying as the Lord has led.

Meeting via conference call, and occasional on-site prayer at the Supreme Court grounds, **this group has been praying in earnest for God's direction for the Court for nearly 3 years.** Certainly, there are other pockets of people who have had the burden to pray for the Supreme Court, the vacancies, and potential nominations. God puts similar calls on the hearts of intercessors across the nation. It is comforting to know that this moment **has been well-prayed for in advance. Let's join them in the work and word that God gave them—to pray for a Deborah to fill the vacant seat.** Pray for a God-fearing, brave, and just judge who will uphold and defend the Constitution, as well as God's wisdom and values.

The battle has begun publicly. But the preparation has been happening behind the scenes for years. Thank God for these faithful and persistent intercessors who have been laying the groundwork of intercession for our participation in prayer today. God is so good. **He gives us a burden to intercede**—we don't always know the timing of when He will use those prayers for His purposes. Let's pray that God would be pleased and glorified by this next justice

### PRAYER POINTS:

Pray for **President Trump** and his advisors working on filling this vacant seat. We pray for great wisdom, discernment, boldness, and a desire to please God in this appointment. We also pray for the Senate, particularly the **Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell**, who will lead the process of nomination. Pray for those senators who are usually toward the center and will be under great pressure. Senators **Collins** (R-ME), **Murkowski** (R-AK), and **Romney** (R-UT) are the most likely to stall the vote, but Senator **Gardner** of Colorado, is facing a tough reelection and may be in play as well. Two others named as potential senators to peel away from their party are **Alexander** (R-RN) and **Roberts** (R-KS). **Pray for each of them by name to hear the voice of God and vote accordingly.**

# Pray over this list of candidates by name for Supreme Court Justice—who is God's judge?

**Pray for unity in the Administration on the nomination**

**Pray for protection for each of these candidates—including physical protection**

**Pray for God's "Deborah" to be evident and the process to be under God's authority**

## **BRIDGET BADE**

Bade is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. She is a graduate of Arizona State University and ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

## **AMY CONEY BARRETT**

Barrett is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. She's a graduate of Rhodes College and Notre Dame's law school and a former clerk to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

## **KEITH BLACKWELL**

Blackwell is a justice of the Georgia Supreme Court. Blackwell previously served on the Georgia Court of Appeals and as deputy special attorney general in the state.

## **DANIEL CAMERON**

Cameron is Kentucky's attorney general. He previously served as legal counsel to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Cameron is a graduate of the University of Louisville and its Brandeis School of Law.

## **CHARLES CANADY**

Canady is a justice of the Florida Supreme Court. A former Florida congressman, he was the prime sponsor of the first congressional effort to ban the procedure abortion opponents call "partial-birth abortion." He also served as general counsel to former Florida governor and Trump rival Jeb Bush.

## **PAUL CLEMENT**

Clement is a partner with Kirkland & Ellis, LLP. He previously served as U.S. solicitor general, arguing over 100 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Clement was a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Cambridge University and Harvard Law School.

## **STEVEN COLLOTON**

Colloton is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. He graduated from Princeton University and Yale's law school. He was a law clerk for Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

## **TOM COTTON**

Cotton is a U.S. senator from Arkansas. Before being elected in 2014, Cotton served in the U.S. House and in the Army. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard.

## **TED CRUZ**

Cruz is a U.S. senator from Texas and was previously Texas' solicitor general. He was a law clerk for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. Cruz is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He has said he's not interested in becoming a justice.

## **STUART KYLE DUNCAN**

Duncan is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and formerly general counsel of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University, LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center and Columbia University Law School.

## **ALLISON EID**

Eid is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. She graduated from Stanford and the University of Chicago's law school and was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

## **STEVEN ENGEL**

Engel is the assistant attorney general for the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice. Engel clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. He is a graduate of Harvard College, Cambridge University and Yale Law School.

## **NOEL FRANCISCO**

Francisco is the former U.S. solicitor general. Before his appointment in 2017, Francisco was in private practice and served in the Office of Legal Counsel as deputy assistant attorney general and as associate counsel to Trump. Francisco clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and its law school.

## **BRITT GRANT**

Grant is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and formerly a justice on the Supreme Court of Georgia. She graduated from Wake Forest University and attended law school at Stanford.

## **RAYMOND GRUENDER**

Gruender is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. He has undergraduate, business and law degrees from Washington University in St. Louis.

## **THOMAS HARDIMAN**

Hardiman is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame and Georgetown's law school.

## **JOSH HAWLEY**

Hawley is a U.S. senator from Missouri and previously Missouri's attorney general, a professor at the University of Missouri School of Law, and an attorney with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Hawley was a clerk for Chief Justice John Roberts. He is a graduate of Stanford University and Yale Law School. Hawley has said he doesn't have any interest in becoming a justice.



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## **JAMES HO**

Ho is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. Before his appointment in 2018, Ho was in private practice and had served Texas as solicitor general. Ho clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. He graduated from Stanford and the University of Chicago Law School.

## **GREGORY KATSAS**

Katsas is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Prior to his 2017 appointment he served as deputy assistant to the president and deputy counsel to the president. Katsas served as a law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas. He is a graduate of Princeton and Harvard Law School.

## **RAYMOND KETHLEDGE**

Kethledge is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. He went to law school at the University of Michigan. He was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

## **BARBARA LAGOA**

Lagoa is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Before her appointment in 2019, Lagoa was a justice on the Florida Supreme Court. She is a graduate of Florida International University and Columbia Law School.

## **CHRISTOPHER LANDAU**

Landau is the U.S. ambassador to Mexico. He was a clerk for Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Antonin Scalia. Landau is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

## **JOAN LARSEN**

Larsen is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. She graduated from the University of Northern Iowa and Northwestern University School of Law and was a law clerk to Justice Antonin Scalia.

## **MIKE LEE**

Lee is a U.S. senator from Utah. He graduated from Brigham Young University and attended its law school. He served as a law clerk to Justice Samuel Alito.

## **THOMAS LEE**

Lee serves on the Supreme Court of Utah. He graduated from Brigham Young University and attended law school at the University of Chicago. He was a law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas.

## **EDWARD MANSFIELD**

Mansfield is a justice of the Iowa Supreme Court. He previously served as a judge on the Iowa Court of Appeals.

## **FEDERICO MORENO**

Moreno is a federal judge in Florida. He graduated from the University of Miami School of Law.

## **CARLOS MUNIZ**

Muñiz is a justice on the Florida Supreme Court. Prior to his appointment in 2019, Muñiz served as general counsel to the U.S. Department of Education and in various positions in the Florida state government. Muñiz is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Yale Law School.

## **KEVIN NEWSOM**

Newsom is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He's a graduate of Harvard's law school and a former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice David Souter.

## **MARTHA PACOLD**

Martha Pacold is a federal judge in Illinois and former deputy general counsel at the Treasury Department. A graduate of Indiana University and the University of Chicago Law School, she clerked for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

## **PETER PHIPPS**

Phipps is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit. He graduated from the University of Dayton and Stanford Law School.

## **SARAH PITLYK**

Pitlyk is federal judge in Missouri and former special counsel at the Thomas More Society. She clerked for then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. She graduated from Boston College, Georgetown University and the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium; and Yale Law School.

## **WILLIAM PRYOR**

Pryor is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He went to law school at Tulane.

## **ALLISON JONES RUSHING**

Rushing is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. She clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and then-Judge Neil Gorsuch on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. She graduated from Wake Forest University and Duke University School of Law.

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## **MARGARET RYAN**

Ryan was a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and previously served in the Marine Corps. A graduate of Notre Dame's law school, she is a former clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas.

## **DAVID STRAS**

Stras is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. He went to law school at the University of Kansas and was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

## **DIANE SYKES**

Sykes is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. She's a graduate of Northwestern University and Marquette University Law School.

## **AMUL THAPAR**

Thapar is a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Thapar, who is of South

Asian descent, has also served as an assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington and in the Southern District.

## **KATE TODD**

Todd is deputy counsel to President Donald Trump and formerly served as chief counsel of the United States Chamber Litigation Center. Todd clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. She graduated from Cornell University and Harvard Law School.

## **TIMOTHY TYMKOVICH**

Tymkovich is chief judge of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. He formerly served as Solicitor General in Colorado, where he argued several cases in front of the Supreme Court. Among them: Colorado's failed bid to preclude the state from providing legal protections for gays and lesbians.

## **LAWRENCE VANDYKE**

VanDyke is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. He graduated from Montana State University, Bear Valley Bible Institute and Harvard Law School.

## **DON WILLETT**

Willett is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and formerly a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas. He went to law school at Duke.

## **PATRICK WYRICK**

Wyrick is a judge on the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.

## **ROBERT YOUNG**

Young is chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. He previously served as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

## PRAYER FOR THE SUPREME COURT AS A WHOLE

**PRAY the Supreme Court would seek our Creator's laws.**

*Evildoers do not understand what is right, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully. —[Proverbs 28:5](#)*

**PRAY the Supreme Court would consist of qualified justices.**

*Select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens. Let them judge the people at all times... —[Exodus 18:21-22](#)*

**PRAY the Supreme Court would rule with God's righteousness.**

*Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, "Hear the cases between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him." —[Deuteronomy 1:16](#)*

**PRAY the Supreme Court would rule justly.**

*When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers. —[Proverbs 21:15](#)*

# The Seat Belongs to God, Not Man

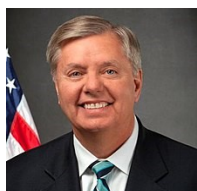
Some on the left call it “Ginsburg’s seat”, assigning ownership to the former justice, as if her wishes, her followers and her ideology have a claim on the seat for the future. In fact, Clara Spera, granddaughter of Justice Ginsburg shared that purportedly Justice Ginsburg [issued her last dying wish](#): “My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed.” Voices on the left are claiming that this dying wish is required to be followed, which of course is not true. This seat does not belong to the left or even the former Justice herself. This seat belongs to the nation. To the pursuit of law and justice as outlined in our Constitution. To principles of the founding ideals of our nation (that incidentally the Court has often [strayed from for decades](#)).

## PRAYER POINTS:

Will you join us in praying to break off the ownership of the vacant seat and that only God’s candidate would fill the opening seat on the Court? Pray that any claim, hidden deals, or dark spiritual ownership that is on this seat would be broken. Ask God to restore this seat as a seat of true Godly justice and truth in our nation—for God’s glory and His fulfilled purposes! Pray for a new beginning for the Court—may Ginsburg’s passing on Rosh Hashanah be a turning point to usher in a new season for the Supreme Court.

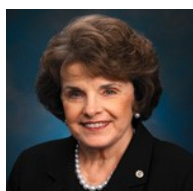
## PRAY FOR THOSE ON THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Pray for each of these members by name as they potentially shepherd the process of the nomination, should it happen. Ask God to use the unexpected to achieve His purposes. Pray that nothing would stand in the way of God’s purposes for this seat. You may find these Scriptures helpful in your prayer time: [Ps 99:3-5](#), [Ps 106:3](#), [Lev 19:15](#) and [Prv 21:15](#).



### Chairman

Senator Lindsay Graham (R - SC)



### Ranking Member

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D - CA)

### Other Members—Majority

Senator Chuck Grassley (R - IA)

Senator John Cornyn (R - TX)

Senator Ted Cruz (R - TX)

Senator Josh Hawley (R - MO)

Senator Mike Crapo (R - ID)

Senator Thom Tillis (R - NC)

Senator John Kennedy (R - LA)

Senator Michael S. Lee (R - UT)

Senator Ben Sasse (R - NE)

Senator Joni Ernst (R - IA)

Senator Marsha Blackburn (R - TN)

### Other Members—Minority

Senator Patrick Leahy (D - VT)

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D - MN)

Senator Cory Booker (D - NJ)

Senator Mazie Hirono (D - HI)

Senator Kamala Harris (D - CA)

Senator Dick Durbin (D - IL)

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D - RI)

Senator Christopher A. Coons (D - DE)

Senator Richard Blumenthal (D - CT)





# Declarations for the Next Supreme Court Justice

**Whoever is nominated to the Supreme Court will be a firm believer in the Rule of Law and that the Rule of Law is the Law of Nature and of Nature's God.**

*For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. Romans 13:3*

**Whoever is nominated to the Supreme Court will be a firm believer that the Constitution derives its authority from the Declaration of Independence, and the Declaration of Independence derives its authority from the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God.**

*We must obey God rather than human beings! Acts 5:29*

**Whoever is nominated to the Supreme Court will understand the Constitution to be the Supreme Law of the Land; not their judicial interpretation of the Constitution.**

*For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. 1 Corinthians 1:25*

**Whoever is nominated to the Supreme Court will believe in precedent, but only precedent that aligns with the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God.**

*The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Exodus 1:17*

**Whoever is God's anointed nominee that the Senate will not be able to block the appointment.**

*Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked. Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is You who possesses all the nations. Psalm 82:4,8*

**That God will draw the nominee and their family closer to you throughout this process and that you will protect them from any fiery darts.**

*In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Ephesians 6:16*

**That the Supreme Court Justices, members of Congress and the President will be made aware that there is only one from whom all authority is given.**

*God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. Acts 17:24-25*

**That God will raise whom he will raise and lower whom he will lower.**

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. Hebrews 4:10*

**That what is done in darkness will be brought to light.**

*For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. Luke 8:17*

**That righteousness will exalt our nation once again!**

*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people. Psalm 14:34*