

**PRAYERS TO BE RECITED BY
CATHOLIC MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND
CATHOLIC POLITICIANS**

(Composed by Pope Pius XII - Raccolta Supp. Pg. 12)

(Edited for Christians to pray for Politicians)

Great and Eternal God, Creator and Lord of all things, foremost Legislator and Supreme Ruler, all power emanates from Thee and depends on Thee; and those whose duty is to legislate, determine in Thy name what is just or unjust, as a reflection of Thy Divine Wisdom. Therefore, we pray for the Catholic and all members of Parliament (Congress) and Catholic politicians, upon whom rests the burden of a grave responsibility that places us at the center of the whole nation, implore Thy aid for the fulfillment of their office that they intend to accept and exercise for the greater spiritual and material welfare of our people.

Grant them such a sense of duty as will cause them to omit no preparation or effort for the realization of this noble end. Grant them also that objectivity and sound realism which will guide them on every occasion to a clear perception of that which seems the best. Grant that they may never deviate from that sound impartiality which dictates that they labor without unjust preferences for the good of all. Grant also that they may never fail in loyalty to our people, nor in firm, adherence to the principles which they openly profess, nor in the noble resolve to preserve themselves about all possible corruption and base selfish ambitions.

Help them to be calm in their deliberations and to be immune from all passion except such as is inspired by the honest quest after truth. May their resolutions be in conformity with Thy precepts even if the service of Thy will should demand sufferings and sacrifices. May they, even in their own little way, endeavor to imitate that rectitude and holiness according to which Thou in Thy providence dost direct and govern everything for Thy greater glory and for the true well-being of human society and of all Thy creatures.

Hear us, O Lord, in order that their minds may never be without Thy light, nor their wills without Thy strength, nor their hearts without the warmth of Thy love, for they ought to have a tender love for our people. Keep far from them every form of human ambition and every kind of lust for illicit gain. Inspire them with a real, lively and profound sentiment of what constitutes a sound social order wherein full regard is had for law and justice.

Finally as a supreme reward grant them some day to enjoy Thy blessed presence for all eternity, in union with all those who have been entrusted to their care. Amen.

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