

PRAYER FOR THE PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS

(This prayer is an adaptation of the Election prayer released by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines. Prayer appeal is initiated by PCPR Australia)

Leader: In the spirit of solidarity, we pray for the Filipino people as they face their forthcoming national and local elections on May 9; that it may be peaceful, honest, clean, and serves the common good.

All:

Heavenly Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, in unity with the Holy Spirit, we pray for the Filipino people as they go through their national and local elections. Save their electoral processes, *from coercion, intimidation, violence and terrorism, dishonesty, lies and all distortion of truth, bribery, graft and all conspiracy for fraud, gullibility to the deceptive and blindness of perspective, threats, red-tagging and perverse language.*

Enlighten them, that conscience may always be the ultimate norm, common good may always be the highest goal, human dignity may be respected all the time, the poor and the weak may always be the priority, care for creation may never be ignored, solidarity may guide the path of peace and development, and genuine fear of God and love of neighbour may guide those who seek public office.

Shepherd of souls and Saviour of the nations, politics is your gift, a call to serve others and grow in holiness. Guide Philippine politics. May political engagement for voters and candidates bring glory to your loving name and help your children grow in holiness, forever and ever. Amen.