

# **BURUNDI ELECTION PRAYER CALENDAR**

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Crossroads Church has developed a special relationship with this African nation as an International Partner Church. Through Saddleback's International PEACE Plan Initiative, we are partnering with the Church in Burundi to grow the church and change the nation.

On May 20, 2020, the people of Burundi will elect a new president. Not only is it recognized as the poorest country on the planet, but it is has suffered from corruption, violence and instability. This election provides a new opportunity for the nation. Please join in praying for Burundi, the election, and the impact it will have on the churches and their communities.

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## **SUNDAY, MAY 3 | PEACEFUL ELECTION OUTCOME**

Pray for political stability, peace in the country, and a path forward to address the country's biggest challenges: spiritual emptiness, self-serving leadership, poverty, disease, and illiteracy.

## **MONDAY, MAY 4 | GOD'S GUIDANCE**

Pray for candidates to seek God's guidance as they make decisions that affect their country and the world. Pray that God would surround them with godly advisors. Ask God to give them the courage to choose integrity and reject corruption in both their campaigns and their terms in office.

## **TUESDAY, MAY 5 | CANDIDATES & LEADERS**

Pray for the salvation of those who are in the leadership of Burundi. Ask the Lord to remove all envy and selfish ambition. Pray that candidates will take brave stands for righteousness, even when it may not be well received. Pray that their families will be protected from harm and unnecessary scrutiny.

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 | SELECTION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

Pray for the selection of leaders who understand and lead according to God's righteous standards, and who will let go of personal agendas to bring a great blessing to the people of Burundi.

## **THURSDAY, MAY 7 | PASTOR DIEUDONNÉ**

Pray for Pastor Dieudonné Nahimana, who is one of the candidates for president of Burundi. He is the founder of a Christian organization focused on preparing young people to become future leaders. Pastor Dieudonné has saved over 10,000 children off the streets, giving them love, education, and faith in Jesus Christ. He is also one of the pastors who completed the Purpose-Driven Church and Peace Plan curriculum presented through Crossroads' work as an International Partner Church.

## **FRIDAY, MAY 8 | STRENGTH & ENCOURAGEMENT**

Pray for the leaders and candidates to be encouraged about the future, whether they win or lose. Pray that all of them would accept the results of the election and for those who may lose power to release it with grace and integrity.

## **SATURDAY, MAY 9 | TRUST & RESPECT**

Pray for a new level of trust and respect among the leaders and political candidates even when they don't agree. May there be a new movement of collaboration and respect in their nation's capital and throughout the country. Pray that new leaders would be gracious to those who did not win.

## **SUNDAY, MAY 10 | MOTHERS**

On this Mother's Day, ask God's blessings upon all the families across the nation. Pray for marriages to be strengthened and for families to be held together despite the economic, cultural and spiritual forces which sometimes tear them apart.

## **MONDAY, MAY 11 | LEADERS & PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER**

Pray that the country's leaders would commit to working together—and that the people would too. Pray that with God's grace, they would work as a country to seek unity. Ask God to give them the wisdom to navigate their differences to strengthen their country.

## **TUESDAY, MAY 12 | BURUNDI & THE ISSUES IT FACES**

Pray that each candidate will focus on the issues their people face as a country—and not on personal attacks on other candidates. Ask God to call leaders who will work with and support local churches across Burundi to bring lasting change to their communities.

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 | THE CHURCH**

Pray for a spirit of unity and humility in the Church. Ask the Lord to give them a new vision of outreach toward the neediest in the communities surrounding them. Pray for a movement of the Spirit that creates a dramatic transformation in Burundi, where the country puts its hope in God and His purposes.

## **THURSDAY, MAY 14 | PASTORS IN BURUNDI**

Pray that the election will help the Burundian pastors advance their vision of creating a healthy church movement across their country. Pray that through the PEACE Plan, they would work together to plant churches promoting reconciliation, equip servant leaders, assist the poor, care for the sick, and educate the next generation.

## **FRIDAY, MAY 15 | PEOPLE OF BURUNDI**

Pray for the people of Burundi and that they exercise their right to vote. Ask God to intervene in their electoral process, and that previous tribal divisions and schemes for vengeance would play no part.

## **SATURDAY, MAY 16 | THE ELECTION PROCESS**

Pray for wisdom for voters and a safe and fair election. Ask the Lord to remove those who might try to unjustly and illegally change the outcome of the voting. Pray for a huge turnout of voters who use wisdom in their decisions. Pray for protection from any attacks from enemies that would prevent or delay the election.

## **SUNDAY, MAY 17 | MEDIA**

Pray for greater freedom of the press, that truth rather than political bias would be the new standard in the country's news media. Ask that Christianity will receive fair coverage in all reports.

## **MONDAY, MAY 18 | SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

Ask for great awareness and discernment as we pray over the election. Pray for Spiritual protection for all candidates and their families. Pray that Satan's schemes and desires for the nation will come to nothing.

## **TUESDAY, MAY 19 | REVIVAL**

Pray for a great awakening to sweep across Burundi as the Lord's people learn to be "humble and contrite in spirit—and tremble at his Word" (Isaiah 66:2). Ask the Lord to bring revival to the churches in Burundi—and pray for the pastors to fearlessly proclaim the Word of God.

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 | GOD'S WILL BE DONE**

Pray for safety for everyone voting today. Pray that no matter what the result, God's good purposes for Burundi will be carried out, whether through or in spite of the political leaders.