



I believe that Prayer is the most powerful tool I have at my disposal. I use it daily to give praise and thanksgiving to God and to seek His will. I pray for my nation and leaders. Today, I am asking you to join me in prayer for another nation too. Burundi is a nation full of beautiful people. I am asking you to join me in prayer for the next 15 days to lift this country up to God.

A constitutional referendum will be held in Burundi on May 17th, 2018. The proposed changes would reintroduce the post of Prime Minister and reduce the number of Vice-President from two to one. They also involve increasing the presidential term from five to seven years, but restricting a president to two consecutive terms. However, the amendments would also allow incumbent President Pierre Nkurunziza, in office since 2005, to stand for re-election, despite having already served three terms. This referendum, if passed, will affect the 2020 Elections. In the meantime, civil unrest has already begun. President Nkurunziza, 54, has ruled the densely populated country since 2005 after a devastating civil war.

Please join me in lifting up Burundi over the next 30 days. Lifting up the leaders, government, voters and a nation as a whole.

Day 1-May 14: We are instructed to pray for others. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 says, “I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.” **Pray today for President Nkurunziza’s safety and discernment in his current role as President.**

Day 2-May 15: Proverbs 9:10 says: “Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.” **Pray today that the president, current government leaders, and opposing leaders be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to God for each decision and act.**

Day 3-May 16: James 1:4 “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” **Prayer today for the current party, opposing party, and voters will be granted wisdom, knowledge and understanding.**

Day 4- May 17: Pray today for peace in the Nation of Burundi. That violence will not over take thoughtful consideration of events surrounding the vote. Psalm 46:1 “God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.”

Day 5-May 18: Pray for the families affected by dissention caused by the vote. 2 Thessalonians 3:3. “But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

Day 6-May 19: Romans 10:4 “For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.” **Pray that the leaders be presented with the gospel and a loving Christian witness.**

Day 7-May 20: Pray that if unsaved, the leaders will be drawn to a saving encounter with Christ; if born-again, that they be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. (1 Timothy 2:4, Ephesians 1:17-23) It is my understanding, through missionaries to Burundi, that president Pierre Nkurunziza is a Christian. His profile online confirms his belief. 14hb b

Day 8-May 21: Pray that the leaders recognize their own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God. (Proverbs 3:5-8, Luke 11:9-13)

Day 9-May 22: Psalm 51:17. “The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.” **Pray that the leaders be convicted of sin, transgression, and iniquity.**

Day 10-May 23: Proverbs 3:5-8. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take. Don’t be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.” **Pray the leaders recognize their own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God.**

Day 11-May 24: Proverbs 8:15 “Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make just decrees.” **Pray for the Nation of Burundi to have peace. God is above all else.**

Day 12-May 25: Ephesians 1:18. “I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.” **Pray for the Christians in Burundi, the church, that their eyes will be open and see the confident hope God has given those whom He called.**

Day 13-May 26: That they heed their conscience, confess their sins and repent. (Proverbs 28:13, James 4:8)

Day 14-May 27: Proverbs 11:11 says, "By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked." **Pray that the cities of Burundi will be lifted up by the blessings of others.**

Day 15-May 28: 2 Chronicles 7:14 "... if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." **Pray the people of Burundi will know God and turn toward him.**