

Prayer for Leadership

Give us, O God,

leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our own souls
and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek more than development for ourselves—

though development we hope for—

more than security for our own land—

though security we need—

more than satisfaction for our wants—

though many things we desire.

Give us the hearts to choose the leader who will work with other leaders to bring safety
to the whole world.

Give us leaders who lead this nation to virtue without seeking to impose our kind of
virtue on the virtue of others.

Give us a government that provides for the advancement of this country without taking
resources from others to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves to choose as leaders those who can tell strength from
power, growth from greed, leadership from dominance, and real greatness from the
trappings of grandiosity.

We trust you, Great God, to open our hearts to learn from those to whom you speak in
different tongues and to respect the life and words of those to whom you entrusted the
good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, Great God, give us the vision as a people to know where global leadership
truly lies, to pursue it diligently, to require it to protect human rights for everyone
everywhere.

We ask these things, Great God, with minds open to your word and hearts that trust in
your eternal care. Amen.

