

Pray for Honduras

You may be aware of recent uprisings here in Honduras due to the presidential elections held this past week. **What's happening on the ground?**

The situation is very complex and there are many sides to this matter, not to mention there are historical antecedents connected to the 2009 coup that happened in Honduras. But, in the simplest terms, the people who voted for the party that is not in power have strong suspicions that their votes were tampered with. Each side is claiming their candidate won the election and the final count of the votes has not been agreed upon.

The opposition party has encouraged their supporters to protest, which in turn has resulted in marches, blocked streets with burning tires, and a general state of social agitation. These conditions then open the doors to increased larceny, assaults, delinquency, and riots in certain parts of the country. To curb the violence and unrest, for the next 10 days, the ruling party has imposed a suspension of the individual's constitutional rights and a 6:00pm to 6:00am curfew, during which time no one is allowed on the streets. The kids school schedule has changed, they will be attending from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with no extracurricular activities or evening meetings.

As I said, the socio-political situation is very complex so I prefer to invite you to pray with me, along the same lines we prayed today at church:

- Lord, in the midst of this constant barrage of bad news, empower us to share the Good News; to be attentive to sharing it with many who are deeply fearful, contentious, anxious, and desperate to hear a more hopeful perspective.
- Lord, we pray for the leaders of the two opposing parties plus the intervening international observers to have the wisdom to discern what is best for the country.
- We pray against evil pride, selfish ambition, and power plays, which blinds us and gives satan open doors to kill, maim, and destroy.
- We pray for us Christians to be at peace and to convey peace to those around us.

Some have asked, are we safe?

We are at peace. There is no safer place to be than in the middle of God's will. We live conscious of God's protection, are obedient to the governing authorities, and attentive to take basic safety precautions, yet are prudent to not oversaturate our hearts and minds with all the news and media images.

Thank you for accompanying us in pray for the country we love and serve,

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