

## Where to find more information

### **Local Electoral Commission**

Ground Floor, Block F, Southern Life Gardens, 70 Newton Park, 2nd Avenue, Tell (041) 373 8604  
<http://www.elections.org.za/content/>

### **Nelson Mandela Bay Ward Boundaries Map**

Download the list at:

[http://www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za/flippingbook/ward\\_maps/](http://www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za/flippingbook/ward_maps/)  
(This is a rather large file that works best on a personal computer or tablet)

For a more detailed map and description of individual wards go to:

<http://www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za/Documents.aspx?pageID=208>

(Click on Ward Maps and select a particular ward)

### **Nelson Mandela Bay Final Candidate List 2016 Elections**

Download the list for the Eastern Cape at:

<http://www.elections.org.za/content/Elections/Candidate-lists/>

(The Nelson Mandela Bay candidate list can be found from page 74 to page 87. These are the last pages of the document).

Apart from independent candidates a total of 18 political parties are contesting the elections in Nelson Mandela Bay.

### **Polling Stations List**

The complete list seems not to be available on the internet.

You can find it in the following dropbox file:

<https://goo.gl/O7IMmX>

Looking for information about a particular polling station go to:

<http://maps.elections.org.za/vsfinder/>

### **Elections Nuts, Bolts and Legal Stuff**

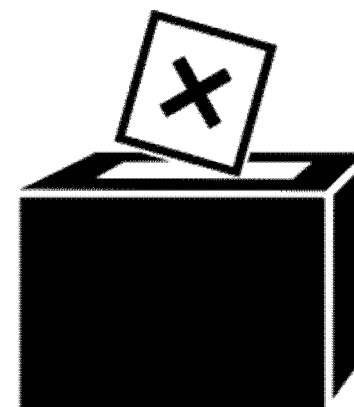
For those interested in the fine print:

<https://www.elections.org.za/content/Documents/Publications/2016-Municipal-Elections/2016-Municipal-Elections-Handbook/>

# Prayer Guidelines Local Government Elections

## 3 August 2016

## Nelson Mandela Bay



## Afrikaans Guidelines Included

## Background

Municipal elections are held every five years to elect councillors who will be responsible for governing a municipality for the next five years. The current term of office of municipal councils ended on 18 May 2016. In line with the constitution, Wednesday 3 August has been declared by the Government as the date of the Local Government Elections. This will also be a public holiday. A record 200 parties and 61 014 candidates will contest the Municipal Elections following the certification on 27 June 2016 of parties and candidates contesting the elections. In comparison with the previous municipal election held in 2011, this comprises approximately 65% additional parties and an additional approximate increase in candidates of 12%. Chief Electoral Officer Mosotho Moepya has recently certified the voters roll for the 2016 Municipal Elections paving the way for a record 26 333 353 voters. The voters role comprises 2 678 307 additional voters, an increase of 11,3%, when compared to the registration in the previous municipal election in 2011.

There is general agreement amongst political parties that the elections will be the most hotly contested since the start of democracy. This is also reflected in the number of political parties contesting the elections, and the record number of people that have registered to vote. It is notable, and alarming that the run up to the elections has been marked by protests, public violence and crime. Several Ward councillors and members from different political parties have been murdered in what seems to be politically motivated incidents, especially in KZN.

There might be a difference of opinion about the role the Church should play during election times. There is nevertheless agreement on its significance. Errol Naidoo from the Family Policy Institute sums it up very well: "Local Government Elections are considered less important than the General Elections by many voters, the lack of basic service delivery significantly impacts on our daily lives and more directly than on national politics. However, whether you and I cast ballots in the General Elections or the Local Government Elections, our responsibility before God remains the same. Christians are commanded by God to be 'Salt & Light' in society. The vote is just one tool available to Christian citizens to advance righteousness in the nation. Voting for a political party is an extension of the Christian citizen's hopes and aspirations for the nation. If you and I want to see righteous government in South Africa, we must elect righteous people into positions of authority." (March 2016)

It is also the Church's responsibility to pray for these righteous people to be elected. This brochure serves as a tool that can help you to understand the complexities of the elections in Nelson Mandela Bay, and how to pray for it. It is only a guideline and could be used alongside other resources.

Thank you for praying for the elections in Nelson Mandela Bay!

## 24hour Polling Station Prayer Chain

Polling Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Chain Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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## Prayer Guidelines

### 1. The Authority of Jesus Christ

Pray that ordinary citizens and government officials will be aware of, and acknowledge the authority of Jesus Christ. Pray that they will be willing to submit under the Lordship of Christ.

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Is 9:6*

### 2. The Authority of Government

Pray that citizens of South Africa will be willing to submit to the various governing authorities, whether we agree or disagree with what Government do or do not do.

*"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Romans 13:1 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority,..." 1 Pet 2:13*

### 3. Responsibility of the Church

"Pray that Christians will take up their responsibility to pray for our governmental leaders, irrespective of their political views. Pray that all negative talk and criticism will be replaced with earnest, faith-filled prayers. Pray for the people who will stand as candidates in your municipal area by name, to come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ Jesus.

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1Tim.2:1-4*

### 4. Discernment

Pray that God through His Holy Spirit will expose all lies, hidden motives and unholy alliances between people with each other, and between people and the spiritual forces of darkness. Pray that the Church will be able to discern and have wisdom how to guide its members with insight. Pray that Churches will not be influenced or abused for any political and personal gain.

*"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore, do not become*

*partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." Eph.5:6-11*

### 5. Godly Leadership

Pray that God will raise up Godly leaders that He knows are best for this season in South Africa. Pray that He will in His wisdom help South Africans to choose wisely and rightly for His will to be done in our nation.

*Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belongs wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him." Dan 2:20-22*

### 6. Peaceful Elections

Pray that peace will prevail during and in the aftermath of the elections, irrespective of the outcome. Pray that no violence will flare up, that peacemakers in all communities will rise up to take authority over their communities. Pray for effective policing and that people will actively work towards peace, reconciliation and positive nation-building. Pray that the internal power-struggle amongst politicians will be replaced by constructive dialogue and respect for each other.

*"But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." Jam.3:14-18*

### 7. Jesus Christ will be honoured

Pray that the name of Christ will be honoured in our country during, and after the elections. Pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will impact many lives and that the Church will use the opportunity to be the light and salt of this world.

Prayer guidelines were compiled by Joan Keeling and Pierre van Wyk in support of the Senior Church Leadership Group in the city, and the Church in Nelson Mandela Bay. For more information please contact any of the coordinators at the above numbers.