

## Prayer for Zimbabwe



National elections for Zimbabwe are scheduled for Friday 27 June 2008. The World Council of Churches, on the advice of church leaders in Zimbabwe, has called for people to pray today and in the next few days for the people and government of Zimbabwe. So we can also join with them, here is the prayer the WCC has circulated:

Eternal God ,  
In your sight nations rise and fall  
and pass through times of trial.  
We pray with and for Zimbabwe  
in this hour of national decision.

We ask your divine blessing on all the people of the land.  
May Zimbabwe's leaders seek justice by means that are just;  
May the voters take action to seek the common good;  
May international observers and mediators be guided by your wisdom.

Lead us not into temptation, Lord,  
and deliver your people from evil:

Empower us all to overcome anger, jealousy, division and violence;  
Help us to respect one another despite our differences;  
And teach us the things that truly make for peace.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus our Saviour.  
AMEN