

## A Prayer as we think about a General Election

The UK will soon go to the polls in one of the most hotly contested elections in living memory.

John 13:33-35 Jesus instructs us to “Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”

Luke 10:27 Jesus says we must “Love your neighbour as yourself”.

In Matthew 25:45 Jesus was saying “How you treat the hungry, thirsty, immigrant, poor, sick and prisoner is how you treat me”

Help my understanding of how you unconditionally love me, Lord Jesus. Please bring opportunities my way to follow you, to treat others with love and care.

God of justice and mercy, please help us to take our responsibilities seriously and choose our leaders wisely, for the good of all in society when election day comes.

Lord, help us to encourage our friends and families to get prepared to vote, to register, get the right voter ID, and, when the day comes, to go and vote with the love and compassion for others at the forefront of our voting.

Diocese of Leicester Citizen’s UK have created a campaign, Value Our Vote, to encourage people to register to vote, get Voter ID and to get out and use their vote on Polling Day when it comes.

Lord, we ask for your blessings on this this campaign, that its message be spread effectively in our Diocese and beyond.

