

Oct. 12: Words of Inspiration to Get Out the Vote

**“A democracy cannot thrive where power remains unchecked and justice is reserved for a select few. Ignoring these cries and failing to respond to this movement is simply not an option — for peace cannot exist where justice is not served.” – John Lewis**

## VOTE

### What is a vote?

**A vote**, refers to the process of choosing officials or policies by casting a ballot, a document used by people to formally express their preferences. Republics and representative democracies are governments where the population chooses representatives by voting. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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### **Voting is a way to SERVE, (i.e., justice).**

Whether we participate or not in the voting process / act, I submit voting is not just an expression of our Christian duty. Voting, I submit is not just an individual act, nor just a civic duty. But a human responsibility. When we vote, we are contributing to the will of our community, our family, and yes, our own will. Our vote adds our will, to the collective will of our fellow citizens, toward the common good we choose, albeit individually. Voting. I believe is not intended to be a selfish act. Voting is not just about me or you; but **about us**. Voting is about influencing the will of the collective. Our Christian faith call us to love our neighbor as we love our self and to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. So, give thought to this reflection, plan your vote, consider the ballot and voting early. Remember, **Micah 6:8, Matthew 22:36-40** and then go **VOTE**, for God sake.

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