

Government Intervention: Praying for our Leaders
I Timothy 2:1-4

I Timothy 2:1-4 (HSBC)

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

I. We should make it a Personal Priority

- Requests/Petitions – prayers that arise from a sense of need.
- Prayers – prayers of communion and worship of the Father.
- Intercessions – prayers out of compassion for others.
- Thanksgivings – prayers recognizing God’s goodness.

II. We should not exclude anyone from our prayers

Romans 13:1-4 (NIV)

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God... For he is God’s servant to do you good.

Proverbs 21:1 (NASB)

" The king’s heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes."

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Ask God to move them to:

- REALIZE – their own personal sinfulness and daily need of Christ’s forgiveness.
- RECOGNIZE – their own personal inadequacy and depend upon God for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- REJECT – all outside counsel that violates spiritual principles.
- RESIST – the pressure of those who would have them violate their conscience.

- REVERSE – the trends of socialism and humanism in our land, both of which dethrone God and deify man.
- READILY – forsake their political and personal ambitions for the best interest of the nation.
- RELY – upon prayer and the Word of God as the source of their strength and key to success.
- RECALL – daily that they are accountable to God for all attitudes, actions, and motives while serving in office.

III. Good things happen when we do it!

- People are Blessed

God gives us Peace

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God gives us Purity

- God is Pleased

Proverbs 15:8 (NIV)

The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.

- Unbelievers follow Christ