

What the Bible Says about Prayer for our Government

"I urge, then, first of all, that *petitions, prayers, intercessions* and *thanksgiving* be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior." I Timothy 2:1-3 NIV

Petition means to ask. God not only urges us to ask, He is pleased when we do.

Prayer is talking to God, anywhere, anytime.

Intercession is praying for someone else. The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ constantly intercedes for us (see Romans 8:34), so it pleases God when we intercede for someone else—including heads of state and others in authority—because we are doing what Christ does.

Thanksgiving always pleases God, and the Bible specifically tells us to include thanksgiving when talking to God about those in authority.

We are to pray respectfully for leaders. "*Show proper respect to everyone....fear God, honor the emperor*" (I Peter 2:17).

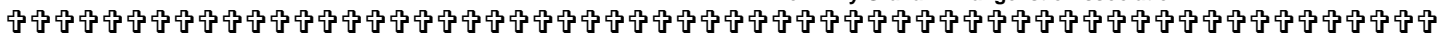
We are to pray with the clear understanding that government authority is established by God. "*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God*" (Romans 13:1).

We are to pray knowing that God's Word says, "*The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord: He turns it wherever He wishes*" (Proverbs 21:1, NASB).

You can pray using words and thoughts from Scripture.

- **Help our president** (or any leader at any level) to accept wise counsel. Proverbs 11:14; 15:22
- **Teach** (you add the name) to trust in You. Psalm 21:7
- **Protect** (you add the name) from the influence of the evil one. II Thessalonians 3:3
- **Give** (you add the name) discretion, foresight, and understanding in making decisions. I Chronicles 22:12
- **Generously answer** his/her prayer for wisdom. James 1:5
- **Pour out** Your Spirit on his/her leadership. Proverbs 1:23
- **Deliver** (you add the name) from opinions contrary to Your Word. Psalm 119:105
- **Protect** (you add the name) from harm, and bless and protect his/her family. Psalm 21:11; Ezra 6:10
- **Enable** (you add the name) to carry out his/her duties with humility toward You and toward others. I Peter 5:2
- **Bless** (you add the name) with strength, endurance, and stamina. I Chronicles 16:11; Isaiah 40:31
- **Equip** (you add the name) to act according to Your will and to make choices pleasing to You. Hebrews 13:20-21
- **Give** (you add the name) the courage to do the right thing even when urged to do the wrong thing. Proverbs 2:11-15
- **Give** (you add the name) a tender heart of compassion toward those he/she leads and serves. Colossians 3:12

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