

A Prayer Guide *for* *Elected Officials*

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—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. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

- ✦ Pray that Christians will be motivated to pray faithfully for our leaders. ***Therefore, let all the godly pray to you . . .*** (Ps. 32:6)
- ✦ Pray that the Lord would give wise counsel and guidance to the President and all elected leaders. ***I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me.*** (Psalm 16:7-8)
- ✦ Pray that our nation will listen to the truth and not be led astray. ***The king is pleased with words from righteous lips; he loves those who speak honestly.*** (Proverbs 16:13)
- ✦ Pray that the Lord would arm governmental leaders with strength to do what is right and true; that He would guide and sustain all governmental leaders. ***God arms me with strength, and He makes my way perfect. . He trains my hands for battle; He strengthens my arm. . . You have given me Your shield of victory. Your right hand supports me . . .*** (Psalm 18:32-36)
- ✦ Pray that governmental leaders, from the President on down will persevere through hardships, maintaining faith, perseverance, and courage. ***By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.*** (Heb. 11:32-34)
- ✦ Pray that those who trust in the Lord will not be shaken. ***Those who trust in the Lord are as secure as Mount Zion; they will not be defeated but will endure forever. Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, both now and forever. The wicked will not rule the land of the godly, for then the godly might be tempted to do wrong. O Lord, do good to those who are good, whose hearts are in tune with You. But banish those who turn to crooked ways, O Lord. Take them away with those who do evil. May Israel have peace!*** (Psalm 125)
- ✦ Pray that the Lord would frustrate and ultimately cast down those who have no regard for Him or His ways. ***O God, insolent people rise up against me . . . You mean nothing to them. But You, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. Look down and have mercy on me . . . Then those who hate me will be put to shame, for You, O Lord, help and comfort me.*** (Psalm 86:14-17)