



“Praying for Those in Authority”

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PRAYING FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY: AN INTRODUCTION

WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY?

Because Scripture commands this! (And because it is in our benefit to do so.)

I Timothy 2:1-4 (New King James)

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

I Timothy 2:1-4 (New Living Translation)

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."

"Those in authority" includes: the President and his staff, all U.S. Senators and members of Congress, the Supreme Court Justices.

This also includes our husbands, our pastors, our employers . . . any who "have authority" over us.

[Remember!! "God's will for us . . . is to do His will!!"]

PRAYING FOR THE SAVED

Step One:

Thank the Lord for bringing these brothers and sisters in Christ to Capitol Hill, and that, by His Grace, they shall be sustained to stand in that place of authority.

“He gives more grace.” (James 4:6)

Step Two:

Thank the Lord that He promises to “strengthen the hands of those who turn the battle at the gate.”

“He will be a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, a source of strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.” (Isaiah 28:6)

Step Three:

Bind the spirit of intimidation off of each one; loose the spirit of boldness. Bind the spirit of weariness; loose the spirit of grace and strength. Bind the spirit of deception; loose the spirit of truth.

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 18:18)

Step Four:

Ask our Lord to cover each one with His wing of protection. Pray, too, for family members, and members of their staffs.

“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.” (Psalm 91:14)

Step Five:

Continue to pray for each one, as he or she continues to grow in faith. Ask our Lord to help each one to know that, when serving our nation in this capacity, Christ Himself is standing with them.

“... and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” (Mt. 28:20)

PRAIVING FOR THE UNSAVED (THE LOST)

Step One:

See them as our Lord sees them (through His eyes.) The depths of Father's love for us is beyond our comprehension. We must ask for this understanding by faith, as an act of His Grace.

"And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." (John 14:27)

Step Two:

Speak forgiveness.

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. (Luke 23:34)

Step Three:

Ask our Lord to send someone across their path to witness to them.

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." (Eph. 6:19)

Step Four:

Pray for their salvation; and that they repent of evil and turn to Christ.

Pray that our leaders (especially those who are on your list) *"might be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* (1 Tim. 2:4)

Step Five:

Thank our Lord that He has heard our prayer; that He is at work, and that we will see an answer to our intercession, in His timing.

[Before His Throne of Grace, there are . . .] *"golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. " (Rev. 5:8)*

CONCLUSION: “HE GIVETH MORE GRACE”

"He Giveth More Grace"
by Annie Johnson Flint – (1866-1932)

He giveth more grace as the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength as the labors increase,
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.

Refrain:
His Love has no limit; His grace has no measure.
His power has no boundary known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

The song "He Giveth More Grace" was based on three Bible promises:

"He giveth more grace" (James 4:6)

"He increaseth strength" (Isaiah 40:29)

"Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied" (Jude 2)

**May you each experience more and more of His Grace in your own lives,
as we grow in Grace together! Amen.**

ADDENDUM: SIX KEYS TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER

∅ >> The FIRST KEY is to Search Our Hearts for Sin, asking God to cleanse us

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)

∅ >> The SECOND KEY is to ABIDE IN HIM . . .

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” (John 15:9,10)

∅ >> The THIRD KEY is to ABIDE IN HIS WORD . . .

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” (John 15:7)

>> The FOURTH KEY is to THANK HIM FOR ANSWERED PRAYER.

“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” (John 14:13,14)

∅ >> The FIFTH Key is to PRAISE HIM, for He IS Lord!

“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!” (Psalm 149:6,9)

∅ >> The LAST Key is to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18)