

HOW TO PRAY FOR PRESIDENTS, PRIME MINISTERS, KINGS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

We have a responsibility and a privilege to pray for all who are in authority. The prayers of the saints affect the direction of nations. This has been the case throughout history.

1 Timothy 2:1-6: *“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession 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, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.”*

Proverbs is written by the wisest king ever to have lived, Solomon, and has a lot to say about how to pray for the king and rulers of a nation.

How to Pray

-  Place the President’s heart in the hands of the Lord and leave him in God’s hands. Make a decision to trust the Lord to deal with the President and his officials - hand them over to the Lord in a positive way.
-  When you pray for the “king” and his officials, put your faith in God’s Word, that He will direct every decision they make. The king’s heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; he turns it wherever he pleases. (Proverbs 21:1, NLT).
-  Pray that God will surround him with good advisors, staff, aides, and cabinet ministers. Pray that God will remove all evil influences as well as evil and untrustworthy advisors and that God will protect him from evil people that can bring him, his officials and the nation harm. Remove the wicked from the

king's court, and his reign will be made secure by justice. (Proverbs 25:5, NLT).

🙏 Pray that God will give the President and his administration the wisdom and courage to find and punish criminals and people that do things that harm the nation. A wise king finds the wicked, lays them out like wheat, then runs the crushing wheel over them. (Proverbs 20:26, NLT).

🙏 Pray that God will help the king (President) to have a true love for, and interest in, the people that he governs. Pray that he will reign with love, mercy, truth and respect for other people. Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upheld by mercy. (Proverbs 20:28, NLT).

🙏 Pray that the king (President) will desire wisdom to govern with justice, to know how to deal with complicated situations and that he will have a desire to read the Bible and pray to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By me [wisdom] kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me [wisdom] princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. I (Wisdom) love those who love me; and those who seek me diligently will find me (Wisdom)... (Proverbs 8:15-17).

🙏 Make sure that you do not pray according to your own political agenda, opinion, or preferences for the king (President) and his government. Pray from the Word. Pray that God will have His way, and do not pray according to your own wisdom. Pray that God will reveal His wisdom to the President. When we pray according to our own wisdom and preferences, our prayers border on witchcraft because we are attempting to impose our own preferences on our leaders.

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