

Praying for Leaders and Those in Authority

God calls us to pray without ceasing and to pray about everything. One of the specific areas that we are called to pray for is our leaders. In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul urged us to pray for kings and all who are in authority. Why? It is that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. We pray for our authorities for the good of our society. They are to promote godliness and restrain evil. I prayed for President Obama every day. I prayed for President Trump every day. I pray for President Biden every day. I pray for the governor of the state that I live in. I am not called to like their personalities, their character, their vision, or their policies; I am called to pray for our leaders. This is not political, it is Biblical.

(1 Tim 2:1-2) “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, {2} for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”

It helps me to have a prayer plan for the President. The general area for me is structured but the prayers are different every week. I use key phrases each day as a quick way to focus my prayers that day.

Monday: I call this the **Monday Mandates**. I pray for president’s priorities and agendas for the week.

Tuesday: I call this **Team Tuesday**. I pray for the president’s team of advisors and their ability to work together for the good of our country. I pray for the salvation of the president’s cabinet and team members. I pray for God to send a Paul to the President, one who has been called to bear witness to kings (Acts 9:15).

Wednesday: I call this **Wise Wednesday**. I pray for wisdom in every area. I pray for wisdom in foreign affairs, domestic affairs, financial affairs, etc. I pray for godly wisdom, not earthly wisdom (James 3:13-18). The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, so I pray for the president to have a fear of the Lord (Pr 9:10).

Thursday: I call this the **Transformation of the Heart**. I pray for the president to receive God’s word into his life and for his life to be transformed (Rom 12:1-2). Transformation begins at salvation, so if the president is not a believer, I pray for salvation.

Friday: I call this **Family Friday**. I pray for the president’s marriage, and for the president’s children. I pray for their salvation. I pray blessings on their family.

Saturday: I call this **Sabbath Saturday**. I pray for rest for the President. I pray for him to be able to get away from the everyday pressures and to find some rest and relaxation. I also pray for a spiritual rest (salvation).

Sunday: I call this **Spiritual Sunday**. I pray for the President to attend church, to have spiritual input. I pray for dreams, visions, and spiritual revelation. I pray for God to direct his heart like a channel of water (Pr 21:1). I pray for salvation.