

Pray for Kings...

“First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” - I Timothy 2:1-3

God is concerned with His people and their relationship with their government. He sent John the Baptist to speak to Herod about the immorality of his unlawful marriage. God sent the apostle Paul to speak to kings, “...to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel,” Acts 9:15. Paul appealed to Caesar and was taken to Rome, under arrest, and spoke to everyone he encountered, even prison guards (Philippians 1:13).

God wants his people involved in every level of life and society. And it only makes sense - He wants all people “to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” That includes “kings and all who are in authority.” If we are to convert government officials, we must be engaged.

Another reason is so that we can enjoy, “... a tranquil and quiet life.” When a society is functioning as God intended, an atmosphere is created wherein evangelism can be conducted peacefully and legally. When a society is functioning as God intended, Christians can worship and fellowship in peace with joy.

Whether in the Lord’s Day assembly or through the week, we have greater freedom and peace when government officials understand who we are as Christ followers. And when we truly follow God’s command to pray for those in authoritative government positions, we can spiritually influence our leaders in ways more powerful than we can imagine.

Why not put “all in authority” on your prayer list? Set aside at least a minute or two per day to pray for all of them, from the President on down to the county dog catcher (yes, really!). Prayer changes things - and prayer can change our nation.

When we humbly follow His plan, God will heal our nation. When ***“My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” - II Chron. 7:14***

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