

190821_Handout: Praying For Those In Authority

As **Charles Spurgeon** said, "prayer is the slender nerve that moves the omnipotent muscle of God." The Bible commands us to pray for authorities, because all authority has been established by Him to accomplish His purposes.

- *"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."* (1 Timothy 2:1-2, NLT)
- *"Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king."* (1 Peter 2:17, NLT)
- *"Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God."* (Romans 13:1, NLT)
- *"And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."* (Jeremiah 29:7, NLT)
- *"Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! Serve the Lord with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling."* (Psalm 2:10-11, NLT)
- *"Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers."* (Proverbs 11:14, NLT)

That God's will be done through them. Destiny.

- *"The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; he guides it wherever he pleases."* (Proverbs 21:1, NLT)
- *"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."* (Ephesians 6:12, NLT)

Pray for godly leaders at all levels of culture.

- *"When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan."* (Proverbs 29:2, NLT)

That all would be saved:

- *"who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."* (1 Timothy 2:4, NLT)

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Prayer for protection:

- *"Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you. Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished. If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!" (Psalm 91:1-13, NLT)*
- *"Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people." (Proverbs 14:34, NLT)*