



Prayers For Our Nation

God's word in 1 Timothy 2:2 instructs us to pray for kings and all who are in high positions that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, Godly and dignified in every way.

This article got my attention and comes from a book, "The Heart Mender", by Andy Andrews. I want to share it because our nation is so troubled, divided, and is becoming so dependent on government.

In 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, noticed a pattern in the advance and decline of the world's democracies. He stated then that a democracy would continue to exist in such time that the voters discovered that they can literally vote themselves gifts from the public treasurer. From the moment that revelation is made, the majority proceeds to vote for the candidates who promised the most benefits from the public treasury. The final result is that every democracy finally collapses due to loose fiscal policy. That collapse is always followed by a dictatorship. Tyler charted the ages of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, an average existence of about 200 years. Every single time, these nations progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependence, and finally from dependence back to bondage.

My message is not to bring fear into our hearts as we know that we have no fear in the promise of being in the Lord. In Ecclesiastes 12:13 Solomon said, "The end of the matter has all been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

Thus, in our prayers, we need to include the elected leaders of our nation, states, and cities so that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life dignified in every way.

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