

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-7



BIG IDEA: God wants the church to pray for everyone because he offers salvation to all people through the work of Jesus.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

What does Paul mean by “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings (v. 1)? How do these differ?

Discuss the importance of praying for governmental leaders (v. 2).

What are some challenges to praying this way?

How does Paul’s instruction to pray for all people reflect God’s heart for people (vs. 3-6)?

How does the concept of God being the Savior of all people impact our understanding of salvation and evangelism (cf. 1 Tim 4:10)?

APPLY

In what ways do Paul's words challenge your prayer life or the way the church should pray when it gathers?

Is there anyone you're reluctant or negligent to pray for? Explain why.

What needs to change in your attitude toward others to reflect Paul's call to pray for all people?

How can prayer fuel evangelism in your own life and the church's efforts to make disciples?

Name one person you know who needs the gospel and commit to praying for them regularly.

COMMIT

Make deliberate time to pray each day this week. Pray while you drive to work, take an extra few minutes at mealtime to intercede for others, or thank God throughout the day. Pray with your kids before school or with your spouse before bed. Journal what you prayed for and even how God answered.