

Pray First, Day 5 - Pray for Authorities

1 Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

If we want to live a quiet and peaceable life then we need to pray for those who are in authority, especially in the government. Though our culture has turned away from godliness and reverence for God, with His intervention this can change.

Let's ask God to raise up men and women who are agents for change in His hands. Leaders like Cyrus the Great who supported Nehemiah and Ezra to rebuild the walls and restore the temple in Jerusalem. There's hope for change when we come to God in prayer on behalf of those who He placed in authority (cf. [Romans 13.1-6]).

Prayer example:

"Heavenly Father we come to you today to ask that you would raise up righteous and godly authority. Turn the hearts of those in authority towards righteousness and godliness. Overtake them with the fear of the Lord and reverence for the things of God. You said that when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. Raise up a standard of righteous leadership in our government, institutions, and churches that Your name might be exalted and that we might live in peace. In Jesus' name, amen."