

God's Word tells us:

1 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.

2 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.

3 This is good and pleases God our Savior,

4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (New Living Translation)

30 WAYS TO PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY

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The life of every citizen is impacted by an estimated 500,000 or more individuals who wield significant influence each day. Consider the vast multitude of elected officials, appointed judges, lawyers, police officers, officials, military officers, publishers and educators, business executives and managers, priests, chaplains, pastors, lay workers, educators, teachers, medical practitioners and hospital administrators, athletes, and many others. How might we pray for these individuals?

1. That they be God fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act. (Proverbs 9: 10)
2. That they be granted wisdom, knowledge and understanding. (James 1:5)
3. That they be presented with the gospel and loving Christian witness. (Romans 10: 14)
4. That they be drawn, if unsaved, to a saving encounter with Christ; if born-again, that they be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. (1 Timothy 2: 4; Ephesians 1: 17-23)
5. That they recognize their own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God. (Proverbs 3: 5-8; Luke 11: 9-13)
6. That they be convicted of sin transgression and iniquity. (Psalm 51: 17; John 8: 9)
7. That they heed their conscience, confess their sins and repent. (Proverbs 28: 13; James 4: 8)
8. That they read the Bible and attend prayer meetings and Bible studies. (Psalm 114: 11; Colossians 3: 2)
9. That they value and regard the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Christ. (Psalm 19: 7-11; John 8: 31, 32)
10. That they respect and honor their own parents, if living. (Ephesians 6: 2, 3)
11. That they respect authority and practice accountability. (Romans 13: 1-7)
12. That they be given godly counsel and God fearing advisors. (Proverbs 24: 6)

13. That they be honest and faithful to spouses and children.
(Malachi 2: 15,16)
14. That they be practicing members of local congregations. (Hebrews 10:25)
15. That they desire purity and avoid debauchery, pornography,
perversion and drunkenness. (1 Corinthians 6:9-20; 1 Timothy 2:12)
16. That they be timely, reliable and dependable. (Matthew 21:28-31)
17. That they be honest in financial, tax and ethical matters.
(1 Corinthians 6:10; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)
18. That they seek pastoral care and counsel when needed. (Hebrews 13:7)
19. That they seek out and nurture godly friendships. (Psalm 1:1-3)
20. That they have thankful and teachable spirits. (Romans 1:21)
21. That they be generous and have compassionate hearts for the poor
and needy. (Psalm 112:9; Luke 10:33-37)
22. That they redeem their time and know priorities. (Ephesians 5:15-17)
23. That they desire honesty, integrity and loyalty. (Psalm 26; Proverbs 11:3)
24. That they have courage to resist manipulation, bribery, pressure
and the fear of man. (Proverbs 29:25; 2 Timothy 1:7)
25. That they be shielded from occultism, New Age cults, false religions
and secret societies. (Isaiah 1:29; 2:6)
26. That they be presented with biblical world views and principles.
(Ephesians 3:10)
27. That they endeavor to restore the sanctity of life, families, divine
order and morality in our nation. (Ephesians 5:22-6:1)
28. That they would work to reverse the trends of humanism, socialism
and statism in our nation. (1 Chronicles 12:32; Isaiah 59:15)
29. That they desire humility and meekness and be willing to serve and
cooperate. (John 13:14; Timothy 3:1:2)
30. That they be prepared to give account to Almighty God. (Hebrews 9:27)