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THE CALL TO PRAY

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority."

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

According to this Scripture, God is calling us all to pray for others. We need to make this a priority in our prayer life. One of the mistakes we all have made is putting ourselves first and neglecting to pray for others. It seems like this is where believers are failing; by focusing only on their own needs. Jesus said, "greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13) One of the greatest displays of love is to pray for others. Prayer should be one of the main responsibilities of the church, but is often treated as a side issue. Pastors and those who teach the Word of God need to encourage believers to participate in this vital ministry area.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

According to I Timothy 2:1, we need to make it a priority to pray for our leaders. Our prayer is a key to bring the plans and purposes of God into this world. God's only access to the world system is through the body of believers on the earth. It is our responsibility to pray that the will of God be manifested. Jesus said we need to use our authority on the earth. "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." (Matt. 18:19 RSV) There are evil influences in our society we need to resist. The enemy wants to influence the direction of our nation through his evil schemes. We are in a spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:12 says "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness." These spiritual forces try to have expression on the earth through people. We need to pray to resist demonic influences and open the door for God's hand to move in the hearts of our leaders. "Good leadership is a channel of water controlled by God, he directs it to whatever ends he chooses." (Prov. 21:1 MSG) It is the responsibility of the church to pray for godly influence in the lives of our leaders. Whatever happens to our leaders affects our entire society. When we fail to cover our leaders with prayer, the direction and moral climate of our country is affected.

DON'T BLAME GOD

Sometimes we blame God for things that happen and ignorantly make statements like, "Why did God allow that?" or "Why didn't God do something about that situation?" We have to do our part by supporting our leadership. We should pray for them and be an encouragement to them. We also need to be vocal when it comes to standing for our values and expressing our opinions. Far too often Christians are silent. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." We have to take action both naturally and spiritually against things that adversely affect our lives and freedoms. God expects us to act. "Faith without works is dead." (James 2:17)

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THE POWER OF INTERCESSION

According to our opening Scripture, Paul said we need to intercede for others. The act of intercession is standing in the gap for someone else or pleading their case, much like a lawyer in court. "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land." (Ezekiel 22:30) In Scripture, intercession has to do with pleading and praying for those who cannot reach God themselves. Believers can go before God and plead for others, especially for those who cannot do this for themselves. The prayer of intercession releases God's mercy and power on another's behalf. It is a powerful and effective means to bring God's influence on the scene, especially in the lives of leaders and those making decisions that affect nations.

WHY PRAY FOR LEADERS

Psalms 133:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." A nation with godly influence will be a strong blessed nation. The opposite is also true: a nation without God will be weak and oppressed. Paul said to pray for the leaders so our nations can be at peace. A peaceful nation will allow the work of the gospel to go forward unchecked and unhindered by any turmoil. During times of war and conflict, people are limited and resources are scarce. When a country is at peace, there

is more freedom to advance the gospel. This is why Paul said we should pray so that we can "lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." (1 Timothy 2:2 KJV) Ultimately, it is God's plan for everyone to have the opportunity to hear the good news. God wants "all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4) Our shared goal should be to see the good news go forth unhindered so people can be saved. As we pray for our governments and leaders, we can start by praying over these areas:

1. For our leaders to be favourable towards the gospel, not hindering the advancement of the church. (1 Tim. 2:1-4)
2. For our leaders to have boldness to stand for truth and righteous causes. (Eph. 6:19)
3. To bind wicked forces that try to harm, influence or impact leaders negatively. (2 Thess. 3:1-2)

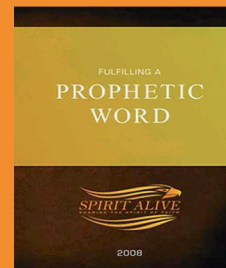
It is our responsibility to pray and intercede for our leaders. In these turbulent times, there are many leaders who need our prayer support. Let's do our part to make change happen and cause God to move upon our nation.

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