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Weekly Prayer Focus

June 2, 2019

Praying Our Purpose

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

—Matthew 28:18-20

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people 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 is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. —1st Timothy 2:1-6

God answers the prayers of a trusting, submissive heart. Whatever our gifts, whatever our calling, we are subjects of the great King, created to glorify and enjoy Him forever. God hears and answers prayers that seek His will and not our own. True joy and blessing abound when God’s will is *done on earth as it is in heaven* (Matthew 6:10). Christ’s last command outlines the purpose of our prayers here on earth.

- **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me:** We serve Christ’s kingdom, not our own, and His kingdom will never fail. Ask God to align you life with His will in all things.
- **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you:** Our purpose as Christians is to bring people to faith in Christ. Ask God to burden your heart for the salvation of others.
- **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age:** Our confidence and strength, are in Christ’s constant presence with us. Thank God for the assurance of His presence at all times.

God has established human leadership, and He is exalted by godly governance, which is a valid subject of our prayers. Paul gives us a good outline for how to call on God for our leaders.

- **First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people:** Prayer for others is our duty to God. Ask God to teach you to pray. Ask Him to guide your prayers for the people He has put in your life and on your heart.
- **for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way:** We pray for our leaders so we can have peace, tranquility, godliness, and dignity in our lives here on earth. Ask God to protect His children on earth, so we can live in ways that glorify Him in heaven.
- **This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth:** God’s purpose for our lives is to bring others to faith in Christ. Ask God to guide you to others whom you can tell about Jesus and His love.
- **For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time:** God’s will is honored when all eyes look to Him. He is exalted when all hearts worship Him. The world finds salvation when everyone trusts in Him. Ask God to bring peace on earth through faith in the Prince of Peace—Christ Jesus.

Christ’s kingdom is not of this world. Our world is doomed, but Christ has overcome the world, and our hope is in Him alone. Our prayers in this world serve another. Prayers for earthly powers accomplish the purposes of heaven. To the praise of God’s glory.

Prayer for Those Who Lead

God placed each of our political leaders into office for His own purpose. As you pray for our governmental leaders, ask God to accomplish His will in and through each one.

Pray that they will ...

- Be saved from their sin by grace through faith in Christ
- Know and honor the Lord
- Be wise in their life and leadership
- Have God's hand on their life and work
- Demonstrate integrity in their personal and public lives
- Live in humble submission to God's will
- Be used to accomplish God's purpose
- Receive divine strength and perseverance

Pray as well for our pastors and elders to draw close to Christ and receive His guidance and strength, wisdom and understanding. Ask God to use them to unite us as a body and lead us according to God's purpose and to the pastors He has for us. Pray for ...

1. **Our Pastors and Directors:** Scott Williams, Tony Chute, Taylor Mendoza, Terilyn Brown, Geoff Grant, and Marti Wiegman.
2. **Our Lay Elders:** Tim East, Steve Flood, Mark Kiker, Mike Russell, Vinoj Zechariah, and new elders who come onto the board.
3. **Our Church Staff:** Michelle Balga, Bob Brown, Andria Brucks, Chelsae Grant, Carolee Jefferson, Amber McEwen, Tamene Menna, Mark Norland, Corie Saunders, and Teri Vaughn.

Praise Record

Note when and how God answers your prayers. It will help you to see that He really is paying attention.

Date	Request	Date	Answer

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. –Romans 13:1-3a