

# For Kings and All who are in Authority

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- I. Introduction
  - a. 1 Tim. 2:1-4
    - i. Tells us to pray for kings and all who are in authority
- II. Key Thought – In this lesson we will examine who and what we should pray for when we obey this command
- III. Who to pray for
  - a. Government leaders
    - i. In our country that is a lot of people
      1. President
      2. U. S. Legislature
      3. Supreme court
      4. State gov't
      5. City gov't
    - ii. Around the world
      1. Kings, queens
      2. Prime ministers
      3. Dictators
    - iii. What to pray for
      1. That God's people may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence – 1 Tim. 2:2
        - a. That Christians may not be hindered in following Jesus
        - b. So that the gospel may have its intended effect in all the world
      2. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven – Matt 6:10
        - a. Wise decisions
          - i. That the leaders of society will make decisions that will make human society more in agreement with God's will
        - b. Good laws, regulations, ordinances
          - i. Good laws established
          - ii. Bad laws demolished
            1. NY's approval of homosexual marriage
            2. In the beginning God made them male and female
              - a. Matt. 19:4-6
              - b. Is. 5:20
            3. People fired b/c they hold Biblical views
            4. In California, the law requires

- a. School teachers forced to promote GBLT views
    - b. Students counseled, reprimanded or otherwise punished if they express Biblical views on morality
    - c. Students counseled if they appear to school staff to be sexually confused to make sure parents do not repress their true selves – this happens with or without parental notification, but does not require parental permission
  - 3. That God's enemies will be scattered – Ps. 68:1-2
    - a. That God would rise up and scatter those that hate Him from positions of power and authority
- b. Religious rulers
  - i. The Pope
    - 1. Official prayer

#### Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen

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- 2. We pray for the Pope at our house
  - a. Not for him as a Vicar of Christ
  - b. When we had been reading about some previous popes in church history
    - i. How they lead millions of people around the world
    - ii. But don't teach them the truth about many things

