

Prayer Update 740

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A word for this week ...

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, Who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

GOOD GOVERNMENT

There is no doubt that God is concerned about leadership, and about kings and governments – and that we should be interceding for them so that we are all encouraged to live good and Godly lives, and that we are discouraged from everything which is evil. God’s desire is for the salvation of everyone, and that everyone should come to know the truth, and to know Jesus – Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

1. **Praise God** that the Lord Jesus Christ is “the blessed and only Sovereign; the King of kings and Lord of lords” (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 19:16). He is supreme and all things are under His control. **Praise God** that He desires the very best possible for every person – for their salvation, that they will know the truth and the truth will set them free – free to live good lives that are a blessing to others and bring glory to God. **Please pray for this!** Often it appears that “the world is out of control” – and humanly, it is! But God is Sovereign over all things; He is Sovereign over all human leadership – Kings, Queens, Presidents, Prime Ministers, Governments, dictators, and so on (Daniel 4:25).
2. We need to submit to governing authorities who are there to uphold what is good (Romans 13:1-7). **Please pray** that we will have good leaders and good leadership – encouraging what is pleasing to God and discouraging what is harmful to people and displeasing to God. **Please pray** for respect for those who are in authority and for Christians to pray for them, that they will deserve this respect because they lead well (1 Peter 2:13-17). **Pray** for their leadership – for wisdom; understanding of different and often confusing or complex issues; for the upholding of good values and morality; for skill in dealing with people who break the Law (to see their restitution back into society, not merely punishment); for justice; for people’s welfare, and so on. **Pray that** God will direct and lead their thinking and plans (Proverbs 21:1). **Pray that** all leaders (e.g., all Members of Parliament) will *work together* for the good of the country, not just for their own personal ends or Party political ends.
3. **Pray that** God will uphold those leaders He chooses, and will remove the wicked from power (1 Samuel 2:9-10). **Pray for** Godly, wise, righteous advisors; for example, in the various Ministries and government departments who advise the Ministers of the Crown. (Proverbs 25:5). **Pray, intercede and give thanks** for all our leaders – they do not have an easy task! (1 Timothy 2:1-3).
4. **Pray that** our land will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Habakkuk 2:14). **Praise God** for the beautiful and bountiful land which God has given us – as we enjoy what God has given, may we return thanks to God for it, and do all we can to maintain it in a way which glorifies the Lord. **Pray that** we will lead – and continue to lead – “quiet, peaceful, Godly, decent lives” (1 Timothy 2:2).
5. In the words Jesus gave us, as part of the Lord’s prayer: “May God’s Kingdom come; may God’s will be done – here, in the land God has given us, and throughout the earth – as His will is done in Heaven!” (Matthew 6:10). **Pray that** the Gospel will continue to be spread throughout our land so that thousands more people will come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, be born again, and live as His followers. **Pray that** all Christians will share their faith by word and by deed. **Pray that** we will all seek to do all we can to further the Kingdom of God here on earth, so that God’s name will be glorified and praised! Amen!

*“Now unto Him Who is able to keep us from falling,
and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy;
to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever,
AMEN!” – Jude 24-25*

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