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 repres 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 Bendict 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

         [SOURCE: http://catholicism.about.com/od/prayers/qt/For_Pope_Benedict_XVI.htm]

   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
iii. Later that day at the dinner table, one of the kids prayed
   1. “The pope will learn about you”
   c. Often prayed at our house
d. Why hasn’t that happened yet?
e. Maybe not enough people are praying for the pope!

ii. Many other religious leaders
   1. Would benefit if they would learn more about God and his word and then had the courage to apply it

   c. Our congregational leaders
      i. Elders and deacons
      ii. Preachers and teachers
          1. 2 Th. 3:1-2
          2. Col. 4:2-4
          3. Eph. 6:17-20 – as a preacher
      iii. All involved in God’s work
          1. Rom. 15: 30 – request for a specific mission – good for all church leaders
          2. Including deacons

IV. CONCLUSION
a. Pray for our nation
b. Pray for all societies leaders
c. Pray for the leaders of our church
d. Keep praying
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