

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

[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
 - 1. Heb. 13:17-18
 - 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
- e.