

*"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;" 1Timothy 2:1-3 KJV*



Recent policies, lies, and actions of world leaders make it difficult to pray for those so obviously bent on evil, but the mandate is clear. We, Dear Believers, were once as they until God's Word penetrated our darkness and brought faith that is "counted for righteousness" and Eternal Life. *"Faith cometh by...the Word of God. For by Grace are ye saved through faith, and that NOT OF YOURSELVES; it is the GIFT of God."* Our heart, like theirs, *"is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"* It is only the Word of God in our thoughts, received, believed, and obeyed which keeps us from yielding to the *"body of this death."* God is every man's final Judge. You think He doesn't know your thoughts? *"I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For...God is...a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Anyone would probably be doing the same thing as the person you consider evil, but by the grace of God which made a difference in you. *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done. It is God that worketh in you...to do of His good pleasure."* God sees the innermost sanctum of thoughts never shared with anyone else! Even Pharaoh and Judas Iscariot had opportunity to repent! Authority *"beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the MINISTER OF GOD. The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."* Only God determines destiny! I'm not saying tolerate evil or not protect loved ones. The point is; when is the last time YOU prayed for the president; a congressman; a governor; a mayor; a judge; a police chief? It is difficult to intercede for evil men, but the more evil they are, the more prayer to Eternity's Sovereign is needed. If they persist in evil, God will deal with them just as He dealt with Pharaoh and Judas. We need to remember Who judges and keeps. Trust Him, and do as He commands; pray *"for all men"* earnestly that God gives understanding and willingness to obey the Truth that they might escape eternal perdition and that we might live in peace and Godliness. Did you ever send a personal Gospel letter to a Congressman; your mayor; a councilman; mailman; school teacher; police Chief? They may just repent. I think Daniel prayed for his captor, because he said: *"I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honour the KING of Heaven, all whose Works are Truth, and His ways judgment: and those that walk in pride He is able to abase."* God's Word says, *"With God, NOTHING shall be impossible!"* Do you believe that?

All power is by God's decree,  
It is not meant for harm to thee,  
Pray that Truth their evil stills,  
That we may do as our Lord wills. ~CGP

Believers cannot change evil hearts, but they have direct access to God who can. Are we too proud to pray?

*"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; IF my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 KJV*