

As followers of Christ, we are commanded to pray for "kings and all who are in authority." This means we should pray for our local, state, and national leaders, even the ones with whom we may not agree or for whom we would not vote. This is a practice that takes practice. Why not start now?

Between now and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Election Day, we invite you to join us in this weekly prayer rhythm, echoing the words of the Apostle Paul from 1 Timothy 2:

> I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. - 1 Timothy 2:1-3

Each day we will pray for our elected leaders and the candidates in our upcoming election. Some of these days will be easier than others perhaps, but we invite you to develop this practice now, before the election. Per the instruction of Paul, we will pray three things:

- 1. Pray that God would help them
- 2. Intercede on their behalf
- 3. And finally, thank God for them

**Monday**: Pray for our local leaders. (i.e. Mayor, City Council, school board, etc.)

**Tuesday**: Pray for our state leaders. (i.e. our governor and other elected leaders)

**Wednesday**: Pray for our current national leaders (i.e. our President, Congress, Supreme Court, and other officials)

Thursday: Pray for the candidate you don't plan to vote for

Friday: Pray for the candidate you do plan to vote for

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