

## **For Kings and All Who Are in High Positions**

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Happy Friday everyone, and good morning. I hope everyone had some time to enjoy that nice, cool day we had yesterday. It was a much needed break from the heat. Beside the cool weather, yesterday was also noticeable for the first presidential debate between the two forefront candidates of the 2024 election (sorry third party voters). Its arrival reminds us that the election is coming up. And in the months until then, the election cycle will ramp up to full force—ads for and against each side everywhere you look, campaign speeches and rallies at every major city, and nigh non-stop news coverage about every little thing that is said or done. I'd like to take this Friday to remind us all of thing concerning our faith and our country. Paul says this in [1 Timothy 2:1-2](#) "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

It is too easy to be swept up in the hullabaloo and jockeying that is modern US politics and forget that we are called to pray earnestly and sincerely for our leaders regardless of party affiliation, ours or theirs. When we say our prayers, we should always make sure to include supplication for those who have been elected to lead this country. They need all the wisdom and discernment they can get with how much power, responsibility, and duty rests on their shoulders. But our prayers shouldn't stop at for asking for God to grant them wisdom. We should also pray for their health and wellbeing, for peace in their home life, and, most importantly, for their salvation and their faith in God. We have had some who were quite faithful and vocal Christians (William McKinley and James Garfield among them), some who were quiet about their faith in public, and some who were anything but. However, at the end of the day, every president and elected official is still a human being created in God's image. They are our fellow creatures made by God for His purposes, and their immortal souls yearn for the light of Christ just as much as ours does. So we should pray for them to come to Christ as we would for any family member or friend who lives in unbelief. Today, as you go about your day, spend some time in prayer and supplication for our elected officials and those seeking election. Don't neglect the smaller and local officials too. Illinois has a Governor and congress of its

own that needs people to pray for them. Not to mention those of our county and our towns as well.

Lord God, we want to lift up to you every single person in this country whom you have placed in governance and those on whose hearts you have placed a calling for political affairs. We ask, merciful Father, that you grant them the wisdom needed for the role they serve. We pray that your Holy Spirit is with them always as they make decisions and take actions on our behalf. And we pray, Lord, that you illumine each of them with your love and with your mercy, and that you give them the forgiveness of sins and salvation through faith in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.