

They need our prayers!

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“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving 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. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Paul tells us that our Lord wants us to be praying for those who have been set in positions of authority over us; which is maybe easier for us to do when those governing officials are ones that we are in agreement with.

But perhaps it is those who seem not to be leading us in God-pleasing ways that are most in need of the prayers of God’s people.

I really believe that God continues to be merciful to our nation—simply because this is home to so many of His people.

Our Lord has called us to be his voice of truth and life in the midst of this present evil age, and He has allowed us the freedoms and opportunities that we have in this land so that we might have a positive influence on our nation and on this world—so that the things we say and do and teach and believe might be an important and valuable contribution to our society.

“You are the light of the world, you are the salt of the earth,” Jesus says of us, even as He tells us to take the message of His love and grace to the very ends of this earth.

How long will God’s grace continue to rest upon our nation? I don’t know, because we seem to be doing everything that we possibly can to offend Him; and it is possible to push the Almighty beyond the limits of his patient endurance.

But rather than giving up in despair or discouragement, we continue to look for ways to be His voice of truth and reason in our world.

The day will come, and maybe is already here, when this world will no longer tolerate what we have to say; but until then we go faithfully about the work our Lord has entrusted to us.

And a big part of that work is continuing in earnest prayer for our lawmakers and governing officials, that they would judge and govern in ways that are pleasing to God and beneficial to our nation, and which continues to allow us the freedom to help all people to learn the truth of God’s love and forgiveness through our Savior.