

**Day 2 - Praying for our Government Leaders and Israel**  
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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. 1 Timothy 2:1-2**

**How do we begin to pray for our government leaders? We are to go before the throne with praise and thanksgiving, then we let our petitions be made known. We enter his gates with thanksgiving as told to us in Psalm 100:4.**

**We pray for those in authority because it really just makes good sense. You may not have voted for those in leadership, starting at the top of the chain of command, down to police officer directing traffic, but we are told to lift them in prayer. It is not just a good idea, we are told to do it. I believe that we should ask God to lead them, guide them, protect them.**

**We should pray for their wisdom, that they submit in obedience to the will of God and that they make judgments based on the Word and the will of God. We need for the Supreme Court to make rulings based upon the Word of God and not what is popular among the people. We need the cabinet, the House and Congress to seek the wisdom of God. Our founding fathers knew that a government that was not based on the mandates set by the Bible would ultimately fail...thus, our current sad state of affairs.**

**And why should we pray for Israel? Because God loves them. They are his chosen people. Genesis 12:2-3 says - And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great and thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

**We may not agree with the decisions that come out of Washington. If we believe the Word of God to be true, we certainly cannot get on the band wagon of some of the laws that have been passed and some that are currently on the table. But we have to believe in the supreme and omnipotent God that we serve. We have to trust in his Word that says he will heal our land if we turn from our wicked ways and seek his face.**

**God certainly wasn't in the decision to take prayer out of schools, or to legalize abortions, or to allow Adam to marry Steve, but we, as Believers, can invite him back to the bargaining table.**

**Let us pray...**

**Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that you forgive us for our sins. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness as we bow before your throne. We praise you, oh God, for**

*who you are. We magnify your name and give you all honor and glory.*

*We lift up our nation's leaders; our president, vice president, the cabinet, justices, house members, congress members, all federal, state and local officials, all police officers, public servants and our troops. We ask for your divine leadership, your wisdom and your protection for each of them.*

*We bind any strongholds that may be plaguing any one of them, realizing that though they may be in authority, they are still human and subject to the wiles of the devil. We ask for salvation for those who don't know you and restoration for those who have walked away from you. We recognize that it is not your will that any should be lost.*

*We lift up Jerusalem and ask that you continue to bless them, keep them, prosper them in their ways. We realize that we are blessed through them. Thank you Father for your provisions and your guidance.*

*These things we ask in the name of Jesus...Amen.*