

Capitol Prayer Network

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Welcome this Morning to Intercession for our State and Nation!

God's Word is freedom for our life! John 8:32

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Galatians 5:1

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. II Cor 3:17

Live as people who are free, not using Your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. I Peter 2:16

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for our founders' great respect for Your gift of free will, and for pledging their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to establish a government which would protect our God-given right to freedom.

As our liberties hang in the balance, we ask O God, for your guidance and help in restoring liberty for our children and for generations to come.

We pray for the freedom to acknowledge You through our public institutions.

We pray for the freedom of religious conscience without coercion by penalty of force of law.

Lord, from our founding we have upheld the belief that our rights are inalienable and come from You, and that our first right is the right to live out our faith in You. Observing what happens in countries where there is no religious liberty, we ask You to keep the doors open for true religious freedom and expression in our country.

We ask You to keep the airwaves open for the full proclamation of the Gospel. We are keenly aware of growing threats that systematically could dilute the Gospel message and we ask You to give us full entry into the marketplace of ideas without fear of government intrusion or censorship.

We pray for Your protection over the right to own and manage private property without government interference.

We pray for the individual right to use appropriate means to protect our homes and families from harm.

Lord, we know that liberty itself is hanging in the balance in America. We also know that we battle not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual powers of darkness. We petition You to unleash the power of Heaven to help us, protect us and come to our aid. Infuse in our leaders a profound understanding and respect for their vow and their duty to protect liberty in this country. May they never take our liberty for granted. May we never take our liberty for granted.

In our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

Scriptures to help you pray this morning:

Also, remember to pray for upcoming Superbowl here in Minnesota in January and strategy to come against sex trafficking that is rampant here. Also the Prayer breakfast with NFL players and local business men the day before the Superbowl at the Hilton in Minneapolis.

November 4 - Day planned to produce anarchy in our nation.

Romans 13:4 “For he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.”

If you pay your taxes, obey the laws, and give respect to those in authority, you have nothing to worry about but if you do not, then be afraid says Paul. God’s servants don’t bear the sword (authority) for nothing but are God’s agents doing his bidding.

We hope these verses help you see that the governmental authorities are decreed by God for our own good and not for our harm and even though it is hard to trust politicians or even government employees, we are commanded to show them respect and live a life of obedience that is pleasing to Him because, “ whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.” Romans 13:2.

Daniel 2:21 “ He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.”

We might think we have control over who runs the government but actually God is the One Who plucks up and puts down leaders. He is the One Who removes and sets up kings and kingdoms, including those who have authority over us. Their day of Justice will come so we must trust God to execute His righteousness in time and not take it into our own hands.

Romans 13:1 “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”

We are subjects of the government of the land. This means that we are to be under their authority and this means we should obey those who rule over us, no matter what we feel about them. God has established those in position of authority as it pleases him and so we ought always to be subject to the governing authorities.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 “ 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.”

We may not feel like it or we may not believe that they are doing the best that they can but we are commanded to pray for those who are in high positions, and that most certainly means

praying for government leaders and politicians. As bad or as corrupt we may believe they are, this does not relieve us of our responsibility to pray for those who are over us.

Continue to pray as the Holy Spirit leads each of you.

Psalms 2: 10-11 “ Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.”

Proverbs 11:14 “ for lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.

Proverbs 21:1 “ The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord, he turns it wherever He wills.”

1Peter 2:17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers , fear God , honor the emperor.

Jeremiah 29:7 Also seek peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you to into exile. Pray to the LORD for it. Because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

We are to learn from the words of Ezekiel 22:30, “I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.”

We are to be those who stand in the gap, who lift up our nation with all its favors and faults before the throne of God, and pray that He continues to work in our midst.

Scriptures to Pray For Ourselves:

1) I Timothy 2:1-2 – I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

2) I Peter 2:17 – Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

3) Romans 13:1 – Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

4) Jeremiah 29:7 – Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

5) II Chronicles 7:14 – if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Scriptures to Pray for our Leaders:

6) Psalms 2:10-11 – Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

7) Proverbs 11:14 – For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.

8) Proverbs 21:1 – The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.

9) Job 12:23-25 – He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them.

10) Proverbs 2:1-8 – My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2) turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding— 3) indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4) and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5) then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 6) For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7) He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, 8) for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

May we be faithful, informed and thoughtful when praying and talking to others about our politics, and as we ask for God’s wisdom and righteousness to be evident in our nation’s policies and leaders.