

Overview of Prayer Meeting – March 2nd, 2025

This Sunday's prayer meeting primarily focused on the trade wars that Canada is engaged in with the USA. The Bible is clear that we're to continually pray for those in authority over us that it might go well with us - His church. It says in **1 Timothy 2:1-2** the following; *"First of all, then, I urge that **petitions**(specific requests), **prayers**, **intercessions**(prayers for others) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, 2 For kings and all who are in positions of authority or high responsibility, that [outwardly] we may pass a quiet and undisturbed life [and inwardly] a peaceable one in all godliness and reverence and seriousness in every way. "*

Regardless of the rhetoric of leaders touting that they just have the 'good of their nation' in mind, we see the opposite as the tax wars will cause great suffering to the common citizen. We're grateful that though we are in this world, we are not of this world, **John 17:14-16**. **Philippians 3:20** says that our citizenship is in heaven. Balancing this fact, our spiritual posture as Christians has to be different than that of the world. **Hebrews 11:13-16** reminds us also that we long for a heavenly country!; *"13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off [e]were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."*

God's grace always abounds towards us and more so in the midst of difficult times as this and we can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens us, **Philippians 4:13**. So we do not loose heart. We remember that God sits in the heavens and laughs at the schemes of leaders who do not hold His plans in their hearts, **Psalm 2**. **Psalm 46:1-3** encourages us with this; *" God is our refuge and strength, A[a] very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the [b]midst of the sea; 3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah" .*

The Lord will take care of His children, He will not abandon nor forsake them. He is the bread of life and the wellspring of living water. Don't be moved and disheartened when you see ungodly leaders vie for position and authority. Our citizenship is in heaven!