

THE TAX DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

For me, days like today are about money, but I ask you in your grace to help me see that today is also about my heart. This is an opportunity for me, today, right now, to be financially sanctified. I know, Father, that not every dollar I am taxed will go to worthy causes. I know, Father, that not all the people in my government acknowledge your Lordship and probably have not prayed this morning over the mighty responsibility you have given them in handling these funds appropriately. But I also know that, in your sovereignty, you have set up kings and deposed them according to your plan. And because of your words, there is a way today that I might give to Caesar what is due to Caesar and give to you what is yours. I know today is about my heart.

Forgive me, Lord, for the times in years past when I have zealously sought financial loopholes not so that I could give more away to those in need but so I could pad my own bank account. Forgive me for hiding behind claims of generosity when I know at the root is selfishness. And I thank you for the opportunity on this day to be reminded that you provide daily bread along with life, breath, and everything else.

Again, Lord, I ask you today to remind me that I own nothing but have been entrusted with much. Help me, Father, to have the heart of a faithful steward rather than of a greedy miser and thank you for your grace to soften my heart once again.

Amen.