

Praying for Our Leaders

What does it mean to truly pray FOR our leaders, even the ones we don't like?

- Recognize their Authority. NO ONE is in power whom God has not allowed
 - *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (Romans 13:1 ESV)*
- Pray for their Discernment.
 - *And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, (Philippians 1:9-10 ESV)*
- Pray for their Salvation.
 - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever** believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 ESV)*
 - Every politician, every leader is someone whom God loved enough to sacrifice His son for.
- Recognize their power is earthly. Our Citizenship is HEAVENLY
 - *For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Philippians 3:18-20 ESV)*



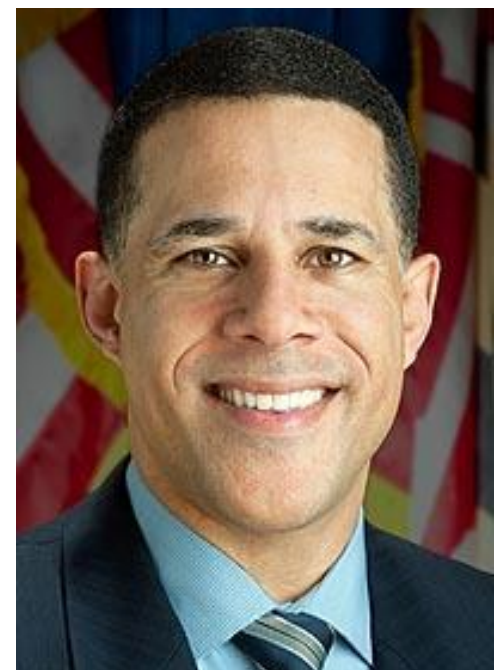
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Contemplation Verses on Prayer

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world (John 16:33)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything make your requests to God..by prayer, thanksgiving and placing your request to God, the peace of God will guard your heart and mind fully beyond understanding (Phil. 4: 6-7).

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging (Psalm 46:2)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths (Prov. 3:5-6)

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

The S.O.A.P Method

Scripture: Read these scriptures aloud or to yourself

Observation: What do you think they mean?

Application: How could this verse change the way you pray?

Prayer: What can I pray to live out this verse, to put "feet" on this verse, or otherwise allow God to work through me in this scripture.

**Let us come
into his
presence with
thanksgiving;
let us make a
joyful noise to
him with songs
of praise!**

Psalm 95:2

**The heavens
declare the
glory of God,
and the sky
above
proclaims his
handiwork.**

Psalm 19:1

**Let us then with
confidence draw
near to the
throne of grace,
that we may
receive mercy
and find grace to
help in time of
need.**

Hebrews 4:16