



Praying for a Governing Authority

This prayer guide is designed to walk you through praying for a governing authority. A recommended first step is to take a deep breath and picture the candidate as a person. Sometimes, picturing them in a room with you can be a helpful exercise to humanize the governing leader. Even looking up their story or reading a short biography can be a helpful step in understanding who they are as a person. Once you feel ready, continue on to the next step of this guide, and feel free to write out your prayer in the space provided.

Thankfulness

Pray gratitude for this governing leader for the person God created them to be. Think of qualities the person has that make them an impactful leader God can use to bring about his plans and purposes in the world.

*"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them;
intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.
Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority
so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity."
1 Timothy 2:1-3*

Service

Pray for the leader's service that they provide our nation (or about to step into). Ask for God to provide a spirit of service to the public and a dedication to justice, fairness, and the common good. Also, pray that God grants them wisdom, integrity, and humility to guide them as they make decisions that impact millions.

*The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.
I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength.
By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just;
by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly.
Proverbs 8:13-16*

Unity

Pray that God would give this leader a heart for unity and peace. Ask for productive cooperation among all governing leaders who hold differing views so that they might work together for the benefit of all.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

The Gospel

Pray for the Gospel of Jesus to move in the heart of this political leader, and (if they are not a follower of Jesus) pray that they would trust in Jesus. Pray also for this leader to walk in the values of Jesus and live a life of integrity through ethical conduct and transparency. Pray that they would embrace the values of justice, mercy, and truth present in the Kingdom of God.

This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other"

Zechariah 7:9-10
