

A Season of Prayer

Week 2: July 10 – July 16

Morning July 10: Prayers for our Government Leaders and Judges

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4

The Christians in Ephesus probably thought of their politicians the same way we do today. We tend to complain about our governing leaders and see them as enemies rather than praying for them and seeking for them to come to faith in Jesus. Paul reminds us that we are to submit to those in authority over us [Romans 13: 1-7] and urges Timothy to lead his church in prayer for all of humanity, including those who govern us.

Let us join in prayer that our government leaders and judges will come to a saving faith in Jesus; will be convicted of sin, righteousness, and the coming judgement; and will receive Godly wisdom and understanding to govern and to judge justly.

Evening: Prayers for a Fresh Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Calvary

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

In Acts 1 Jesus’ disciples asked, “Will you now restore the kingdom to Israel?” They were still seeking a “kingdom” of political and military power. Jesus promised a different sort of power – the power of the Holy Spirit – God dwelling inside of them, transforming them, and equipping them to participate in His redemptive mission to all peoples. This verse is a summary of the entire book of Acts [The Acts of The Holy Spirit.] We see that wherever the Holy Spirit fell people’s lives were changed. We saw this happen to the Jews in Jerusalem on Pentecost [Acts 2], to the Samaritans [Acts 8], to the persecutor of the church, Saul [Acts 9], and to the Gentiles in the home of Cornelius in Caesarea [Act 10.]

Sometimes we find ourselves like the first disciples yearning for political or military changes to the USA that will restore the “good old days.” But rather God’s mission to bring repentance, forgiveness, and a new life to all peoples – not a return to the “good old days.”

Jesus' work is finished; He told us that He must leave for the Holy Spirit to come and empower us and continue God’s plan to redeem the world. The Holy Spirit’s work is to glorify Jesus and to spread the message that salvation is found in Him alone. Let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on Calvary and our community. Let us not put our faith in things of this world but in

Jesus Christ. Let us receive the Holy Spirit and be transformed, empowered, and equipped to share the gospel with others.

Morning July 11 - Government Leaders and Judges

"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

Pray that every government leader and judge will submit themselves to the higher authority of God and that His truth will be revealed to them.

Pray that every citizen and resident will submit themselves to the authority of our government leaders and judges so that we may all live peacefully according to the rule of law.

Evening July 11 - Calvary and Personal

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4

Be thankful for the gift of the Holy Spirit promised by Christ to everyone who believes everywhere in the world, including at Calvary.

Pray that the Lord will shake Calvary with a fresh outpouring of the Spirit accompanying mighty signs and wonders.

Morning July 12 – Government Leaders and Judges

"He makes nations great, and he destroys them; he enlarges nations, and leads them away. He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a trackless waste. They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man." Job 12:23-25

Be thankful that God, in His providential concern, has blessed the USA greatly and ask for His continued protection and blessings in our cities, counties, states and nation.

Pray that in His providential care, God will confound all those government leaders who are opposed to His will and His righteousness and cause them to wander in confusion.

Evening July 12 – Calvary and Personal

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” John 14:15-17

Pray that every believer at Calvary will rejoice in the certain knowledge that Jesus promised another Helper and that the Holy Spirit has been poured out on us all and dwells in us.

Pray that Calvary may continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit; that the light of Jesus’ love will be bright in us; and that our walk will be used by the Holy Spirit to bring others to Christ.

Morning July 13 – Government Leaders and Judges

“By me [wisdom] kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.” Proverbs 8:15-17

Pray that God will give wisdom and understanding to every leader that they may govern justly.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to the spirit of our leaders and draw them to seek the Lord.

Evening July 13 – Calvary and Personal

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:15-21.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the wisdom and discernment to understand the Lord’s will for Calvary in these times.

Pray that Jesus will fill us at Calvary to overflowing with his Holy Spirit at every worship and that every person will be open to receiving the Holy Spirit.

Morning July 14 – Government Leaders and Judges

“He appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, and said to the judges, consider what you do, for you judge not for man but for the Lord. He is with you in giving judgment. Now then, let the fear of the Lord be upon you. Be careful what you do,

for there is no injustice with the Lord our God, or partiality or taking bribes.” 2 Chronicles 19:5-7

Pray that every judge in our nation be reminded by the Holy Spirit that they are judging for the Lord and that they should fear Him.

Pray that every bribe, every evil act, and every injustice will be revealed and made right throughout our nation.

Evening July 14 – Calvary and Personal

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:3-8

Pray that each of us will discover our Spiritual gifts and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit use those gifts so that each part of the Calvary body is functioning as God intends to accomplish His purposes in our community.

Pray that every believer, at Calvary, will look daily to the Holy Spirit for guidance and help in glorifying Jesus and pointing people toward Him.

Morning July 15 – Government Leaders and Judges

“Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. “Matthew 12:25

Pray that by God’s power, our leaders will put aside their personal agendas and work together in humility, respect, and harmony for the good of our citizens and our nation.

Pray that God will raise up men and women as government leaders who will seek to serve us rather than to be served; who will bring unity rather than division; who will speak wisdom rather than rhetoric; who will love Jesus rather than oppose Him.

Evening July 15 – Calvary and Personal

“And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness,

because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:8-11

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Calvary that will spill into the community, draw unbelievers to the Word; and convict them concerning sin, righteousness, and judgement; and will open their ears to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pray that there is such an outpouring and movement by the Holy Spirit that even the most hardened heart will melt in the presence of God's love.

Morning July 16 – Government Leaders and Judges

"Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Psalm 2:10-12

Pray that our leaders and judges will be wise and serve the Lord with fear and will become instruments to lead our nation to confession and repentance.

Pray that our leaders and judges will come to love Jesus and will be emboldened to lead our nation to faith in Him.

Evening July 16 – Calvary and Personal

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

Pray that Calvary will receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as on Pentecost.

Pray that Calvary and every member will be empowered to be witnesses to Jesus Christ throughout our community, our nation, and the world.