

How to pray for the government

You can change the world – by simply praying for those who are kings and rulers in the nations. God specifically tells us to pray for our government leaders so that our country will be blessed (**1 Timothy 2:1-2**). The following are some prayers from God’s Word to help you as you pray for our president and other government officials, for all of them need a closer and growing relationship with the Lord Jesus!

1. **For their homes:** Father, reveal the truth of Jesus Christ to the family and heart of every government leader. Make them willing to do what is right. Give them wisdom and understanding. Let each home be filled with peace and quiet (**Psalms 127:1, 101:7; Proverbs 14:11, 24:3, 17:1**).
2. **For their spiritual lives:** Father, please open the eyes of all our government leaders who do not yet follow Jesus as their Saviour, so that they may see that You are the best plan for their lives. I pray that they would turn away from bad things and that they would live good lives and serve You. Give them much faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (**John 6:44; Ephesians 2:8; 1 Timothy 6:11,12**).
3. **For their work:** Father, please pour out Your Spirit of wisdom and revelation upon the heart and mind of every government leader. Cause them to seek wise counsel, take only good advice, and accept correction if they need it. Help them make the right decisions (**Proverbs 15:22, 19:20**).
4. **For strength:** Lord, help our leaders to be strong and brave and to do what is right even if they stand alone. Give them confidence that You are their helper so that they will not be afraid of what anyone says or thinks (**Joshua 1:7; Hebrews 13:6**).
5. **For humble hearts:** Guide our leaders to be humble, to do what is right for other people, and to show kindness. Will You please protect, guide, and teach them when they show true humility. Cause them to speak no evil about anyone, to live in peace and to be polite to all people (**Micah 6:8; Ps. 18:27, 25:9; Titus 3:2**).
6. **To be honest:** Father, give our leaders an undivided heart to speak and walk in the truth. Help them not to listen to lies and to be trustworthy themselves (**Psalms 101:2-4, 86:11, Proverbs 16:13, 29:12**).
7. **To have compassion:** O Lord, help our government to do what is right for the poor and needy in our country. Help them come to the rescue of the weak and the orphans. Help them not to seek revenge or hold a grudge (**Proverbs 29:14; Psalms 82:3-4; Leviticus 19:18**).