

Daily Prayer

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Today's prayer is based on I Timothy 2.1-4, ESV.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made*

Heavenly Father,

Help me to walk in prayer,

to ask for specific blessings,

to pray broad, big-vision prayers,

to pray with you closely, intimately, urgently,

to be overflowing with gratitude in all things.

for all people,

Help me to pray for *all people*,

for high and low,

for the important -

for those who seem to have been cast aside,

for those who can help me,

for those who cannot do a thing for me,

for those I love,

for those I cannot stand.

for kings and all who are in high positions,

Help me to pray for the highly placed leaders of this world,

to remember the great burdens they carry,

the heavy decisions they must make,

the thanklessness they meet on every side.

Thank you that all of them are in your hands

and ultimately cannot thwart your purposes -

but can do much good, when guided and empowered by you.

that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Give these great leaders the wisdom

to make good decisions for the public welfare,

that we may live in peace and tranquility,

pursuing you and living with dignity.

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

Grant us such a time, Lord.

Give us relief from the turmoil of our day.

who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Never let me doubt that your good intentions are for everyone -
that you would have all walk in the knowledge of your truth,
for Jesus and His kingdom's sake. Amen.

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The path of virtue starts from humility... Pride is the beginning of all sin... Humility is not hatred of the self; rather, humility means acceptance of man's incapacity to comprehend from his...finite perspective the fullness of God's design. Man is the creature, not the Creator. Those who think that the supreme good and evil are to be found in this life are mistaken....It is in vain that men look for blessing on earth or in human nature. How foolish man is to be violent and impatient with the lot of man. It is because the thinkers will not believe in eternal life which they cannot see that they go on trying to fabricate here below an utterly fraudulent utopia built on virtue filled with pride and bound to fail them in the end.

Augustine

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* From Biblehub.com: Many attempts...have been made by grammarians and commentators to distinguish between these terms, each of which denotes prayer. On the whole, it may be assumed that the Greek word translated "supplications" signifies a request for particular benefits, and is a special form of the more general word rendered "prayers." The third expression...translated "intercessions" suggests a closer and more intimate communion with God on the part of the one praying. It speaks of drawing near God, of entering into free, familiar speech with Him. The Greek word suggests prayer in its most individual, urgent form. The fourth term, "giving of thanks," expresses that which ought never to be absent from any of our devotions, gratitude for past mercies. ...this peculiar form of prayer will continue in heaven when, in the very nature of things, all other forms of prayer will have ceased ...for only then will the redeemed know how much they owe to their Lord.