



Dear Families of Gilead Bible Church,

The campaign for the next president of the United States has begun. The airwaves and news agencies are saturated with soundbites from every candidate. Every candidate is looking for an edge.

What ought to be our perspective? Paul shared this perspective, as he mentored Timothy:

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4)."

Paul wants us to simply pray for the present and future president, as well as for all government leaders in four different areas:

- To petition is simply *asking* God for something
- To pray is a broad word, referring to all communication with the God
- To intercede is to make requests on behalf of others to God
- To give is to express gratitude to God

Every day, God wants us to bathe our present and future president, as well as all government leaders in total prayer!

What should we pray for? Every person has hopes and expectations of our present and future president and all government leaders. Paul simply wants us:

- Pray for government leaders to allow Christians live a life that pleases God
- Pray for all people to be saved.

No doubt, we all want less taxes and less government controls over a multitude of areas and concerns. However, from the point of view of God and his kingdom, I can't think of anything else that is more important than these two items of prayer.

Every day, God wants us to pray for our present and future president, as well as all government leaders so that we can live as a Christian and others may become Christians!

God Bless

Pastor and Helen Moy



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親愛的基列主內弟兄姊妹,

美國的下一任總統競選活動已經開始了。傳媒和新聞機構都浸透著從每名候選人的聲音。每個候選人正在尋找優勢。

那我們又該採取什麼觀點？當保羅指導提摩太時，他分享了這個觀點：

“我勸你，第一要為萬人懇求、禱告、代求、祝謝；²為君王和一切在位的，也該如此，使我們可以敬虔、端正、平安無事的度日。³這是好的，在神我們救主面前可蒙悅納。⁴他願意萬人得救，明白真道（提摩太前書2:1-4).”

保羅要我們只是為現在和未來的總統祈禱，以及所有在四個不同方面的政府領導人：

- 請願單是向神祈求一些東西
- 祈禱是一個廣義詞，指與神所有的溝通
- 代求是代他人向神祈求
- 送給是為了表達感激神

每一天，神希望我們為現在和未來的總統以及所有政府領導人充份祈禱！

我們應該為什麼事情祈禱？每個人都對我們現在和未來的總統及所有的政府領導人有期望。

保羅只是希望我們：

- 祈求政府領導人允許基督徒所過生活能討神喜悅
- 祈求所有的人都得救。

毫無疑問，我們都希望少繳一些稅和政府眾多的領域下能減少控制。然而，從神和神国的角度來看，我想不出有任何別的比這兩個項目更值得禱告。

每一天，神希望我們為現在和未來的總統以及所有政府領導人祈禱，因此我們可以過一個基督徒的生活和其他人都會有可能成為基督徒！

願主祝福你們

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