

PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY (1 TIMOTHY 2:1–8)

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Introduction

1. What must we do for “all people”? Pray (2:1)

2. Who are “all people”? Specifically, those in authority (2:1–2a)

3. Why should we pray for those in authority? (2:2b–7)

3.1. Purpose: In order that we may lead peaceful, quiet, godly, dignified lives (2:2b)

3.2. Reason: Because it is good (2:3a)

3.3. Reason: Because it pleases God our Savior (2:3b–7)

3.3.1. Why does it please God our Savior? Because He wants all people to be saved (2:4)

3.3.2. Why does God our Savior want all people to be saved? Because Christ, our sole Mediator to the sole God, gave Himself as a ransom for all (2:5–7)

4. How should we pray for those in authority? In a holy manner (2:8)

Conclusion

V.	1 Timothy 2:1–8 (ESV)	Explanation
1	First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,	Main exhortation: Pray for all kinds of people!
2a	for kings and all who are in high positions,	Specifies “all people” as those in authority (v. 1)
2b	that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.	Purpose for praying for those in authority (vv. 1–2a)
3a	This is good,	Reasons for praying for those in authority (vv. 1–2a)
3b	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.	Reason for v. 3b
5a	For there is one God,	Reason for v. 4
5b	and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,	
6a	who gave himself as a ransom for all,	
6b	which is the testimony given at the proper time.	
7a	For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle	God called Paul to proclaim the message in vv. 5–6.
7b	(I am telling the truth, I am not lying),	
7c	a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.	
8a	I desire then that in every place the men should pray,	Restatement of main exhortation in v. 1 (directed to men): Pray!
8b	lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;	Manner of praying (v. 8a)