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PRAY FOR ALL MEN

1 Timothy 2:1-4 says, *“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for ALL men [especially] for kings [Presidents] and for ALL that are in authority [so] that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our savior, who will [desire to] have all men to be saved...”*

We are to pray for all our political and governmental leaders [elected and appointed ones.] It is for our own peaceable benefit. More specifically, we are to pray for their salvation [vs. 4] and that they would turn to truth.

This includes praying for those whom you may strongly dislike. Would you pray for our current President and future President, regardless of whether it might be Biden or Trump, Hillary Clinton, or Michelle Obama? Tough question, huh?

Yet, it is God who allowed the person in office to ascend to that authority. We should pray for them to receive salvation and to rule in truth and honesty. It may seem difficult, but it is scriptural. We must lay aside our personal feelings whether they might be positive or negative and pray for all of them with equal fervency. In fact, pray for all men wherever they may be.

I pray, “Lord, help me to do this.” It is not my natural inclination to pray for those I dislike, so I need Holy Spirit’s unction to do it.

What about you? Are you willing? May the Lord help us with our weaknesses.