

But why should we pray for our nation?

Is not having a relationship with Christ enough?

We will look at the reasons why we need to always pray for our nations, and afterwards we'll also look at how to pray for the nations. Even when we feel doing so may seem to be almost a hopeless situation. But know that prayer is powerful and God ultimately controls the hearts of the leaders of the nations.

The king's heart *is* in the hand of Jehovah *as* the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He will, [Proverbs 21:1](#).

(1). Prophecy of Christ's government.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace, [Isaiah 9:6](#).

There is no question that Christ's kingdom will be just and righteous, but the question remains, should we be content or settle for known corruption or immorality in our country's government?

For we know that God wishes for His will to be done here on earth as it is in heaven. Therefore, pray that the government on earth would operate righteously so that man could thrive and live in the freedoms and blessings that God has provided for us.

(2). Scripture instructs us to pray for our leaders.

¹ I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; ² For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. [1st Timothy 2:1-2](#).

And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace, [Jeremiah 29:7](#).

(3). Government and outside factors set the atmosphere.

The government that we are under greatly controls what we can and cannot do or achieve through making laws and policies, along with other outside forces that also greatly set the atmosphere that influences our belief system. Thus, as well as having an inward focus, we also need to maintain an outward focus.

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bears rule, the people mourn, [Proverbs 29:2](#).

Regardless of whether the government is godly and righteous or unjust and tyrannical, we are instructed to pray for the government that we are under to make a change for the better in the government.

Therefore, do not simply settle for the government the world hands you, using the justification that we live in a fallen world and this is the best that we can do here on earth, or praying for that internal peace in the time of the storm.

But then how should we pray for our leaders and officials?

Of course, we are always to pray that all men would come to repentance, for God wishes for no one to perish, [2nd Peter 3:9](#). However, this does not mean that we must allow men or women bent on being unjust, unrighteous, and immoral to rule over God's righteous people, as we pray blessings and wisdom over them. Rather, we can use the example the Apostle Paul gave us and let God reward them according to their own works.

Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: [2nd Timothy 4:14](#).

For some immoral men and women may choose to remain immoral and corrupt; that is their free-will choice.

He acting unjustly, let him still act unjustly. And the filthy, let him be filthy still. And the righteous, let him be righteous still. And the holy, let him be holy still, [Revelation 22:11](#).

Prayer for the nation and the nations of the world:

Father in heaven, I come before You to honor, exalt, glorify, and magnify Your name. I thank You for the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the blood that He shed to bring us and the nations that we live in into that one new man,

Ephesians 2:15.

Father, we pray for our nation and the nations of the world that You would instate leaders in every nation who fear and honor Your Name and the name of Your Son Jesus Christ. That they will acknowledge that You are the ultimate authority, that Your kingdom will reign forever, and that they will become servant leaders.

We decree and declare not only for our national leaders but also for the people who are governed by them that all will come to a full realization that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior, and they will completely surrender their life and ambitions to Him. For a nation's faith and moral belief can only be as strong as the people that they govern.

We bless our government officials according to their morality and how they are influenced by and keep Your Word, as they put it into effect and stand behind it. But if they refuse to do so, they are removed and replaced with those who will.

Amen.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance,
Psalm 33:12.*

Full parable of the Sheep and the goats, Matthew 25:31-46.

³¹ When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: ³² And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *His sheep from the goats.* ³³ And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left, Matthew 25:31-33.

This was determined by ministering to the hungry, thirsty, and meeting the needs of strangers, the sick, or those in prison. Not just as individuals, but also nations helping other nations.

God wishes His people to live under a righteous and just government; We can see this principle in the Lord's Prayer, "*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*" Matthew 6:10." Therefore, pray for your nation and its leaders, knowing that God wishes for His people made in His image and likeness to live under a righteous and just government.

If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land, 2nd Chronicles 7:14.

