

Prayer for our Government

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity...”

— 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Praying for key decision-makers and leaders in our country is a powerful way to bring about change. In communicating with God, Creator of our world, and simply praying “Your Kingdom Come”, we are inviting God to intervene and move within our nation.

When praying for our government it’s easy to feel overwhelmed or confused. Here are three things to bear in mind when praying for our leaders:

I. BE THANKFUL

We have so much to give thanks for when praying for our political system. Around the world, so many nations are struggling because of corrupt leadership and governance. We are blessed with leaders who are accountable and democratically elected. Christians are able to worship without persecution and are even encouraged to play a positive role in society. We are able to engage with politics openly without discrimination or threat, and we have many Christians in positions of authority looking to God for guidance. Start by giving thanks to God for these blessings in our political system.

2. BE KNOWLEDGEABLE

In spite of these blessings, our political system is far from perfect. In the UK, injustice, suffering and poverty are very present, with around 13 million people living below the low-income threshold. Politics affects everyone; it is where we see not only the outcomes of injustice challenged, but the causes too. It is a spiritual battlefield we can’t ignore. Continue by praying that God’s will is done in our country; that justice and mercy advance.

3. BE HOPEFUL

Many Christians across the UK are passionate about this country and its government. Christians in Politics is an organisation that seeks to positively engage in our political system, building relationships with those in positions of authority. These people need our prayers to be salt and light to our leaders. Find out more by going to christiansinpolitics.org.uk. Finish by praying for those who God has called to politics, and that more will join them in this mission.