



# How to Pray for... **GOVERNMENTS**

The Bible tells us that there is no authority except what God has established (Romans 13:1-6). He is the King of kings, and uses both godly and ungodly leaders for His purposes (Exodus 9-11). Yet we also see through the biblical narrative that when the kings of the nation of Israel followed God's ways, the nation and its people flourished; when the kings turned away from God, the whole nation suffered. The same holds true today.

Some of the greatest suffering stems from brokenness in government. Political leaders are corrupt and exploit their people. Social systems fail to protect the most vulnerable. Too many governments in Asia actively oppose the Church. In Africa, transitions of power often come with tremendous upheaval and violence. None of this reflects God's will being done "on earth as it is in heaven." And yet the vast majority of the Church has no vision to redeem government. Because it is corrupt, they withdraw. Countries around the world need leaders who pursue God's ways, laws and systems built on biblical truth, and a Church that is bold in both witness and prayer.

# Please join us in praying...

- For God's will to be done—that He would establish authorities according to His plans and purposes.
- Pray that godly people would sense and respond to God's calling to stand as candidates for leadership positions. Pray for churches to support, rather than discourage, Christians running for office.
- Pray for the hearts of leaders to be turned to God, that they would seek His wisdom to lead. Pray for leaders with servant hearts and a vision for the good of all in their nation. Pray for governments to lead with godly principles and according to His ways, even if they haven't recognized Him as Lord.
- Pray for leaders who are trying to rule justly and stand against corruption. They and their advisors are often the targets of threats and violence. Pray that God would protect them and uphold their cause.
- Pray for a special outpouring of wisdom on leaders in the wake of the pandemic and lockdowns. Pray that they would have insight from God as they make decisions that affect the health, freedoms, and livelihoods of billions of people.

*For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.  
The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His  
unfailing love.*

*Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. The Lord foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance. From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; from His dwelling place He watches all who live on earth—He who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. on those whose hope is in His unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. for we trust in His holy name. May Your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You.*

*Psalm 33:4-5, 8-22*



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