



How to Pray against... **CORRUPTION**



In every culture and nation, we see corruption create brokenness. Corruption runs rampant in cultures where the predominant religion requires offerings to please ancestors or spirits. The logic is, “Give something to get something”—whether that’s in the spiritual realm or in dealing with your supervisor or local government official. Secular Western culture, where success is defined by personal wealth, gives rise to corruption as well. To gain more success and wealth, those in authority too often misuse public funds, pay for political favors, or bend the rules of business. Even Christian nations can be plagued by corruption when power and authority are seen as making some people more valuable than others.

Corruption destroys justice, because corrupt leaders make decisions based on their own financial gain rather than on what’s best for the people or morally right. It oppresses the poor, favors the rich, and endangers the powerless. Corruption causes and deepens poverty. The Bible is clear that God stands against favoritism toward the rich (James 2), taking bribes (Deuteronomy 16:19), and the love of money (1 Timothy 6:10).

Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent. Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 16:19-20

Please pray with us...

- For changed mindsets—that we would not believe the lies of appeasing or glorifying those in power. Pray that societies would increasingly value integrity.
- That the Church all over the world would model justice and transparency. Pray that the bride of Christ would be a haven for the oppressed, would show no favoritism toward the rich, and would be a voice for truth and justice in society.
- For God to raise up political leaders on every continent who will stand against corruption. Pray for protection over those leaders who refuse bribes and call others to be accountable. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict those who have been accepting bribes or misusing money, that they would turn away from this sin and experience forgiveness, like Zacchaeus did.
- That just laws would be passed and upheld that do not favor the rich or allow rampant corruption, that require appropriate accountability and oversight. Pray that God would establish just governments, business, and churches.
- For the light of truth to shine on corruption, for unlawful activities to be revealed and stopped.
- For those who are poor, powerless, or oppressed to receive justice. Pray that God would intervene on their behalf and protect them from corruption that would exploit them.

*Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?
The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;
whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;
who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;
who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.
Psalm 15*



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