



# Opening Thought:

**Think of one word to describe yourself.**

**Think of one word to describe your family**

**Think of one word to describe TEF**

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The Hope for Our Community:

That We Be Known as **PEOPLE WHO  
PRAY!**



# The Priority Of Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1-8

# Background on 1 Timothy

**Written in 64 AD** → Paul writing to His disciple Timothy who is now pastoring a church in Ephesus.

Paul wrote 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy to talk about:

- **Sound Doctrine**
- **What Godliness looks like in the Church**
- **Qualities of leadership in the church**
- **How Worship needs to look like**



# 1 Timothy 2:1-8

I urge, then, **first of all**, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

# 1 Timothy 2:1-8

<sup>5</sup> For there is **one** God and **one** mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for **all people**. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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# Roadmap

1 Timothy 2:1-8

The Priority of Prayer in the Church

**I. We Must Pray (v. 1)**

**II. Who We Must Pray For (v. 2)**

**III. Why We Must Pray (v. 3-8)**

# I. WE MUST PRAY

*“I urge, then, **first of all**, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people”*

Paul uses four different words:

- **Petitions** – Sharing your needs and worries with God.
- **Prayer** – **ALIGNING** your heart with God. Communion and Fellowship!
- **Intercession** – Praying on behalf of someone else! For others!
- **Thanksgiving** – PRAISING God for his blessings no matter WHAT our circumstances are. “**Eucharistos**”

# I. WE MUST PRAY

**PRAYER IS AN ADMISSION THAT WE CANNOT, BUT GOD CAN!!**

Mark 10:27 → <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “**With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.**”

# I. WE MUST PRAY

**Prayer is relying solely on the power of the Holy Spirit**

PREACHING AND PRAYER OF THE WORD IS IMPORTANT but His Power can only be accessed with the Spirit's prompting.

**John 3:5-6** → <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and **the Spirit**. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the **Spirit** gives birth to **spirit**."

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## II. WHO WE MUST PRAY FOR

*2”...Prayer must be made for **all people**, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*

**All People** → We are quick to judge, but only God knows who will be saved. All people means every tribe, nation, tongue, and type of people.

## II. WHO WE MUST PRAY FOR

### **For Kings and all those in Authority**

**In 64 AD** → Emperor Nero was the Emperor of Rome.

Great persecution was happening that prevented Christians from Gathering.

## II. WHO WE MUST PRAY FOR

### **Five Reasons to Pray for Our Leaders:**

- I. Our leaders need God's help.**
- II. God knows our leaders are broken.**  
So much so that He gave His son to bring redemption and provide hope for our eternal security.



## II. WHO WE MUST PRAY FOR

**III. God asks us to pray for our leaders, our loved ones, our neighbors, and ourselves.**

*<sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2*  
Chronicles 7:14

## II. WHO WE MUST PRAY FOR

**IV. When we pray for our Leaders, we take part in advancing God's Kingdom on this earth.**

Those who are in positions of power may have been allowed there by God for a specific purpose. When we pray for them, we are praying **that God's will be done.**

## II. WHO WE MUST PRAY FOR

### V. When we pray for our Leaders, we ask God to fight against Spiritual Warfare

It is important to remember that our leaders **face spiritual battles and opposition that they may not be aware of (Ephesians 6:12)**. Rather than complain or be angry, we can **fight** through the power of prayer.



# III. WHY WE MUST PRAY

“...that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

**PEACEFUL AND QUIET (v2): Not to be comfortable and happy** but for **MAXIMUM** spread of the Gospel!

## **ALL GODLINESS AND HOLINESS (v2)**

- **Godly** – To live a life **SEEKING GOD** in every aspect.
- **Holy** – To live differently and **set apart** be a light to the people around us.

# III. WHY WE MUST PRAY

This is **GOOD** and **PLEASES GOD** our Savior  
(v3)

- This pleases the lord when we pray for others. When we **SEEK HIS HELP**. As we pray for unbelievers to be saved, this is right and pleases God!
- **Judges 21:25** → <sup>25</sup> *In those days Israel had no king; everyone did **as they saw fit**.*

# III. WHY WE MUST PRAY

*<sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

## **PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE**

- One day, All TYPES OF PEOPLE FROM EVERY TRIBE AND TONGUE AND NATIONS Will worship God!
- **All Standings** → God desires ALL SORTS to be saved
- **Share the Gospel everywhere** → that is our job.  
Our job is not to figure out and judge who is saved.

### III. WHY WE MUST PRAY

*<sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom **for all people**. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.*

**Why must we pray... How will anyone be saved???**

- **Because the only way everyone will be saved is by the one God and the one mediator, the man JESUS CHRIST.**

### III. WHY WE MUST PRAY

**Matthew 7:13-14** → Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> **But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life**, and only a few find it.

There is only one God and only one way to God. Any other way leads to Hell.

- Jesus **GAVE HIMSELF as A RANSOM FOR ALL PEOPLE!!**
- His Cross **COVERS ALL** in his perfect timing!!

### III. WHY WE MUST PRAY

*“And for this purpose I was appointed **a herald and an apostle**—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.*

*<sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.”*

Our purpose as a herald and disciple is to **pray for all people** to know Christ.

### III. WHY WE MUST PRAY

**In Conclusion:**

**MAY WE BE KNOWN AS  
PEOPLE OF PRAYER!!**

# TIME OF PRAYER FOR

The Spread of Gospel	Our Authorities	Our Church Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work/School</li><li>• Shanghai/Your hometown</li><li>• Missionaries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local and international</li><li>• Leaders' heart</li><li>• Wisdom</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Led by the Holy Spirit</li></ul>

**Prayer can ONLY be powered by the leading of the Holy Spirit**