

1 Timothy

pass it on

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Prayer invigorates our personal faith fight and energizes God's cosmic rescue mission to bring salvation to others.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men-- the testimony given in its proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle-- I am telling the truth, I am not lying-- and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

Pray! vs 1

- Why is prayer mentioned now in the text?
 - vs 1:18 Fight the good fight **for** faith.
 - vs 1:19 Avoid a shipwrecked faith.
- How important is prayer?

Pray! for whom? vs 1,2a

- How are we to pray for everyone?
- Why pray for kings and authorities?

Pray! For what? vs 2b

- Why pray for peace and quiet?
- Isn't that self-serving?

Pray! to what end? vs 2-4

- Is that all?
- *all men to be saved...ransom for all men*
- *one God*
- *and one mediator between God and man*

Pray! on what basis? vs 5-7

Apply it

Considering your prayer practices, what do you need God's help to change this week?

- importance I place on prayer
- amount of time I pray
- frequency I pray
- people for whom I pray
- goal of prayer—advancing of the gospel
- goal of prayer—God's glory

Where Do I Grow from Here? (Personal and Growth Group Questions)

You and others will benefit most by recording your answers in advance of your Growth Group meeting.

Bible references in this text style are optional for you to research.

Interact

- 1) What are some of the strangest places you've traveled or thought about traveling? Would you rather travel, read about traveling, or watch a program about traveling?

Observe and Interpret

- 2) (vs 1) What does Paul *urge* Timothy and the readers to do? Why, do you think, Paul urges this?
- 3) In your mind, what so great about prayer? List several reasons to pray. (optional: **Matthew 6:9-15**)
- 4) What kind of prayer do you prefer to pray... (place an X somewhere on each line.)
 - written out.....spontaneous
 - group..... private
 - using Bible language not using it
 - silent prayers..... spoken prayers
 - emotional well thought out
 - using a list..... using my memory
 - using a journalnot journaling
 - long..... short
 - all pray once people pray a few times
 - one subject at a timeoften changing subjects
- 5) What kind of prayer do you enjoy others using...
 - written.....spontaneous
 - using Bible language not using it
 - emotional well thought out
 - long..... short
 - all pray once people pray a few times
 - one subject at a timeoften changing subjects
- 6) (vs 1) How can we pray for *everyone*? What's the author mean by this?
- 7) (vs 1) How can prayers of thanksgiving be given when not everything seems positive? (optional: **Philippians 4:6**)

- 8) (vs 2) Why in verse 2 are we to pray for leaders? What if the leaders are evil, like Hitler or Osama bin Laden?
- 9) (vs 2) Why pray for peaceful and quiet lives? Isn't this self-serving?
- 10) (vs 3) Why does this verse say it is good to pray and that it pleases God?
- 11) (vs 5) The word *For* suggests that verse 5 is the reason for what's just been stated in verses 3 & 4? How might verse 5 be the reason or basis for that which precedes it?
- 12) (vs 5,6) Do these two verses serve to encourage prayer? Why or why not?
- 13) (vs 6) Does Jesus' being the ransom for all men mean that everyone is saved? (see 1:15)
- 14) (vs 7) For what *purpose* is Paul a *herald* and *apostle*?

Apply

- 15) What in this whole text most inspires you to pray?
- 16) What makes it a challenge for you to pray in the way this passage commands?
- 17) What needs to change in your prayer...
 - importance I place on prayer
 - amount of time I pray
 - frequency I pray
 - people for whom I pray
 - goal of prayer—advancement of the gospel
 - goal of prayer—God's glory
- 18) What is your plan for praying this week?
- 19) How can our growth group together pray more as commanded here?