

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Pray for All (1 Timothy 2:1–2)

“Some years ago I attended public worship in a certain church. The pastor was absent on holiday, and a lay elder led the pastoral prayer. He prayed that the pastor might enjoy a good vacation (which was fine), and that two members of the congregation might be healed (which was also fine; we should pray for the sick). But that was all. The intercession can hardly have lasted thirty seconds. I came away saddened, sensing that this church worshiped a little village god of their own devising. There was no recognition of the needs of the world, and no attempt to embrace the world in prayer.” (John Stott)

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” (Luke 6:27–28)

“By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just.” (Proverbs 8:15)

“The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.” (Proverbs 21:1)

“So Pilate said to him, ‘You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?’ Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.’” (John 19:10–11)

Because God Wants All to be Saved (1 Timothy 2:3–4)

“Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11)

And The Gospel Is for All (1 Timothy 2:5–7)

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” (Deuteronomy 6:4)

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.” (Jude 1:3)

Notes

Discuss

- What are the things that you typically pray for, and what are some gospel prayers that every Christian should be praying?
- What authority figures, in addition to political leaders, are there in your life that you should be praying for, and how should your prayers for them be shaped by the gospel?
- What marks of the true gospel (one God, one mediator, ransom, apostolic) are difficult to hold in our culture today, and why?

Read

Ezekiel 18:1–32; Psalm 2:1–12; 49:1–20; Romans 13:1–7

Pray

- That God will help us to pray gospel prayers for our community, country, and world.
- That God will give us a deeper understanding of the gospel so that it shapes the way we live and enables us to share it and protect it more faithfully.

Announcements

- Meeting for Childcare Workers: February 13 at 12:30pm
- Men's Breakfast: February 26 at 8:00am
- Evan Gartman Candidating: February 27
- Realm (info@fsbcknobs.com for Help): Deadline for Photo Directory is February 28
- Youth Summer Camp (Deposit Due February 27): June 5–9