

Wednesday Prayer Points January 20th

Read Romans 13:1-7

Father, work for our country's good through...

1. Rulers

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." (v. 1)

God is the one who establishes all authorities. Thank God for various leaders: national, state, and local officials. Pray that those in authority in our country would increasingly honor the Lord in all they do.

2. Responsibilities

"For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval." (v. 3)

Citizens of God's Kingdom are called to be citizens who obey the law of the land. There may be times when we need to petition, debate, speak out, and urge our leaders to change, but pray that God's people would always be committed to acting in ways that are upright.

3. Regulations

"For he is God's servant for your good... For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer." (v. 4)

Pray for those who write our laws and those who enforce them; politicians, civil servants, police officers, members of the judiciary, and all who support them. Pray that they would act in ways that are above reproach and uphold justice. Pray that they would govern in a way that honors God and does good.

4. Revenue

"For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing." (v. 6)

Few people enjoy paying taxes — but this money can achieve good as it provides education, protection, and more. Pray that those in authority would spend taxes wisely and for the good of mankind.

5. Respect

"...respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed." (v. 7)

It's easy for us to mock and criticize politicians. Of course they are fallible, but we are still called to respect them. Repent of ways in which you have fallen short in this area. Pray for the leaders whom you disagree with—pray for God's salvation in their life and His wisdom in their governance. Pray that we would choose our words wisely in how we honor these authorities.