

Monday, 9 December 2013

1 Timothy 2:1-4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

This is a difficult but necessary teaching in these days marked by political turmoil and fierce division at every level of society. I am called to be in prayer for all who are in positions of authority; yes that I might lead a quiet and peaceful life, but... Far more important is my witness that will draw ALL PEOPLE to be saved, that will bring all to the knowledge of the truth.

Tuesday, 10 December 2013

Psalm 72:1-4

Of Solomon. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

I lift up the President of the United States and his cabinet, the members of the Congress, and the Supreme Court. Fill them with an understanding and desire to bring Your justice and Your righteousness to be the foundation of all the laws and regulations of this land.

Wednesday, 11 December 2013

Psalm 72:5-7

May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

I pray for an end to the divisiveness that is tearing this nation apart; I pray for a spirit of compromise and for a willingness to seek solutions to the problems of this nation that serve all interests well.

Thursday, 12 December 2013

Psalm 72:8-11

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

May all the nations of the world recognize that this nation seeks to serve the interests of all people groups, that we are no longer driven by selfishness and covetousness but seeking to be servants to all.

Friday, 13 December 2013

Psalm 72:12-14

For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. (13) He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. (14) From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

May our system of justice truly seek to care for the

needy and the poor, not through vote buying largess
but with laws that encourage all men to lead peaceful
and productive lives.

Saturday, 14 December 2013

Psalm 72:15

*Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May
prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for
him all the day!*

May all Your people lift up our governments, national,
state and local, that they would govern in ways which
are consistent with Your Word.

Lord's Day, 15 December 2013

Psalm 119:2-3

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him
with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his
ways!

Lord, am I “whole heart” seeking?

VOICES TOGETHER

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