

Daily Devotion For January 20, 2021

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." I Timothy 2:1-4

Today marks the Inauguration of Joe Biden as the 46th President of the United States. Many feel uneasy about this particular Inauguration due to the political unrest we've seen in recent weeks and months. Many wonder what this turmoil means for our nation as a whole for the next four years and beyond. We can be sure, however, that no matter who is in office, the Bible calls us to pray for the people who lead our government. As Christians, Wednesday is an important day to lift up prayers to God as we see the transition from one leader to the next.

The Bible calls us to pray for our leaders and elected officials. We should ask that God guide our leaders to make just decisions, to care for the least of these and that they follow after God's own heart, as leaders such as King David said in I Samuel 13:14. God is in control of this event as Joe Biden is set to be sworn in today.

As Joe Biden is inaugurated today we should lift up the very same prayers that we have for past leaders who have fulfilled this office and other leadership positions.

In our constitutional system we have no kings, the ultimate authority rests with the people. But the Scripture calls for honor and prayers for all of those who hold authority, not just, in the first-century context, for the emperor but for all. As Christians, even our prayers can help re-center us away from the pull to conform to the pattern of the world."

Thought For Today: Let's pray for our appointed leaders, President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris, and all of our nation's leaders and ask that God will lead and guide them.

Today's Prayer Focus: Prayers for a **peaceful** transition of power in Washington D.C. Continue to pray for Dave Walkers family and others mourning the loss of loved ones. Continue to use this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.