

Daily Devotion For January 20, 2022

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Today marks one year since Joe Biden became the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. Yesterday, President Biden held a press conference in which he was grilled by reporters on the state of our nation and the world.

In the above scripture verse we learn that God puts leaders over us for our benefit, and their decisions can significantly impact our circumstances. This is one reason the Bible tells us to pray for those in authority over us.

Even if we don't like or disagree with the leaders in our lives, we can still pray for them. We pray for them to have the wisdom and strength to obey God and lead us well.

When those in authority are obeying God's will, it's much easier for us to live peaceful and quiet lives. When they are not obeying God, we pray for their salvation and God's guidance in their choices, as well as for protection from spiritual warfare.

God calls us to pray for our leaders because he knows that prayer is what moves hearts towards him and softens our hearts towards others. It's easy to pray for the leader you like, but when it's someone you don't like, whose ideology may be different than yours...this command to pray for them gets challenging.

**Thought For Today and Today's Prayer Focus:** Take time to pray for our president and nations leaders. Pray that they would be lead by God's spirit to make wise decisions. Deo Volente.