

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

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Changing The World Through Prayer, Part 4 of 4

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. 1 Tim 2:1-6

Main Idea: We have been called into a life that is outward focused, looks at the world through Gods perspective, and offers everything upwards to him in prayer

**We have been called into a life that is _____
(2:1-2)**

Because God himself is this way. He is all about making himself known:

- Scripture reveals him (Heb 1:1-3)
- Nature reveals him (Ps 19:1-6)
- His church is supposed to reveal him too (Passively, like a city on a hill. Actively like a lamp searching out the darkness. Matt 5:14-15)

“[the church is]...a colony of heaven in the land of death, a strategy of the holy spirit for giving witness to the already inaugurated kingdom of God” Eugene Peterson.

**We have been called into a life that looks at the world from _____
(2:3-6)**

Gods perspective = biblical world view

Gods perspective is:

- 1) Radically more expansive than ours: He desires that ALL men be saved (v4)
- 2) Radically more powerful than ours: He has the ability save (v6)
- 3) Radically more decisive than ours: He has acted once, for all time in Jesus (v5)

We don't naturally have Gods perspective, we have to learn it.

Ask God for help (Heb 11:6). Get to know his word (Rom 12:1-2, 15:4). Get to know others, hear their stories.

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power, and your outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you!” Jer 32:17 ESV

**We have been called into a life that offers everything
_____ (2:1-2)**

We do this because:

- It pleases God (v3)
- It's in line with his will (v4)
- He answers (John 15:7)
- We have no other hope (1 Tim 1:1)
- He can carry the burden, we can't (1 Pet. 5:7)

Pray for who?: Neighbors & Town. State & Nation. World & world events. Missionaries & the persecuted church.

Pray for what?: Salvation and the expansion of Gods kingdom (v4). For the preservation of Gods people (v2)

If it has your attention, it has Gods attention too: Pray about it!