

# Pray For Non-Believers

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I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

This is perhaps one of the more needed verses for this day and age. We are urged in God's Word to pray AND thank God for all people, even those in authority. Maybe there is someone in your life who you aren't grateful for, but in this verse, God is calling us to have a new perspective on how we view others. We can often find ourselves viewing others in light of how they impact OUR time, money, families and occupations, however, we are commanded to change our perspective.

We serve a very gracious God. He wants ALL people to be saved and to know the truth. Jesus says the He himself is the way, the truth, and the life. It's clear that God desires all to have a relationship with Jesus. The beautiful thing is, that in addition to sharing our faith, we get to be involved in God's work through prayer.

Here is a question for us: how much of our prayer lives are directed towards ourselves, and how much is directed towards others? I pray that we would be a church that hits our knees in prayer daily, not for our own sake, but for the sake of others knowing Christ! Let's be intentional about this, not only this Easter season, but in our every day. When are you going to plan to take time to pray for the salvation of others?