

Prayer Points for Current Leadership and Governance

***It is a great privilege, as well as our responsibility,
to pray for our government leaders.”***

We are to pray respectfully for leaders. *“Show proper respect to everyone, ... fear God, honor the emperor”* (1 Peter 2:17). We are to pray with the clear understanding that government authority is established by God. *“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God”* (Romans 13:1). We also pray knowing that God’s Word says, *“The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes”* (Proverbs 21:1, NASB).

Things to remember when praying for people in positions of authority:

- Know that God can handle people in spite of who or what they are.
- It is a command from the Lord that we should pray for such people, because it is His will that we do so.
- The purpose of intercession for people in positions of authority is:
 - a) that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, and
 - b) that circumstances will be such that the gospel can move swiftly through the whole world.
- Hold fast onto God's sovereignty and omnipotence. Hold fast to the fact that God appoints and takes away leaders. It says in Pr.21:1, "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases."
- Make a list of the names of people you are going to pray for. It is inevitable that you will not be able to pray for all people by name. Ask the Holy Spirit to lay specific people's names on your heart and pray for them.
- Make sure that there is no political preference in our heart when you pray. The true intercessor cannot pray if he is prejudiced, negative or rebellious. These things will form a blockage while you pray.

SCRIPTURES

I Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions 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.

Psalms 2:10-12 (NIV)

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 72:11-14 (CEB)

Let all the kings bow down before him; let all the nations serve him. Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out, the poor, and those who have no helper. He has compassion on the weak and the needy; he saves the lives of those who are in need. He redeems their lives from oppression and violence; their blood is precious in his eyes.

Romans 13:1-2 (NIV)

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Titus 3:1 (NIV)

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.

PRAYER WARFARE:

1. O Lord, save our leaders in Tanzania who are not yet Your own. I pray for their salvation so that they can be reconciled back to You. I pray that they will come into contact with the gospel and that they will experience Your love. Father God, I pray that You will send people to them who can witness to them, in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.
2. Father, I pray for the families of our leaders in Tanzania (wives and children) for their salvation and that they will influence the leaders' lives positively. In Jesus name, Amen.
3. I pray for the leadership of our nation to come to the light. I make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and give thanks for all the people of our nation and for the leaders of our nation that might live a peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Let our leader be just, and let them rule by the fear of the Lord (2 Samuel 23:3). Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
4. Father God, I pray that the Holy Spirit will convict our leaders in Tanzania of their sins and that they will confess their sins before God and be delivered from the evil one. I pray that corrupt and unsaved leaders become convicted and that they will seek God's forgiveness. I pray for them for pure lives and sober habits. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
5. Father God, I pray against the influence of witchcraft in the lives of some of our leaders in Tanzania who depend on the wicked counsel of witch doctors without knowing the spiritual bondage that enslaves them thereby failing to serve their people. I renounce, rebuke and break the spirit of witchcraft in the mighty name of Jesus. May the leaders seek you and you alone in all things in Jesus name. Amen.
6. I pray that You will forgive our leaders in Tanzania for being wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight, for calling that which is evil good and that which is good evil and substituting light for darkness and darkness for light (Isaiah 5:20-21). In Jesus name, Amen.
7. O Lord, in the mighty name of Jesus, I pray according to Micah 6:8 ("He has showed you, o man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love kindness and mercy and to walk humbly with your God.") for our leaders in Tanzania:
 - That they will govern fairly and do that which is right;

- That they will be merciful, unselfish and sensitive to the people's needs;
 - That they will be humble and realize that they will have to give account to God because they were appointed by God.
8. Abba Father, I pray that unfair and godless leaders in Tanzania will make "mistakes" that will be to the advantage of the gospel. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
 9. I pray that oppressors and godless leaders in Tanzania will lose their positions of power by means of wrong advice. "Confuse the wicked, o Lord, confound their speech, for I see violence and strife in the city" (Ps.55:9). I also pray that the Lord will root out wicked leaders (Proverbs 2:21-22) and appoint new leaders who fear God and submit to Him. In Jesus name, Amen.
 10. Heavenly Father, I pray that You will disrupt the advice of evil advisors to our leaders in Tanzania and that You will give the leaders wisdom and discernment. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
 11. In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray that our leaders in Tanzania would:
 - Have a personal revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Recognize their own need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom and for the courage to do what is right.
 - Reject all counsel that violates righteousness and resist all pressure to violate their own conscience.
 - Rely upon prayer and the Word of God as their source of daily strength, wisdom and courage.
 - Bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness and integrity to the office that they hold.
 - Remember to be good examples in their conduct to the people of Tanzania who look to them for leadership.
 - Be reminded daily that they are accountable to Almighty God for the decisions that they make.
 12. Merciful Lord, bless our country. Enlighten with your grace the President of Tanzania Jakaya Kikwete, Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda, and all who bear office with the President, that in all things we may be governed in justice and equality. Grant the country not only such outward prosperity as is your will, but, above all things, such faith, hope and charity that your name will always be glorified in the midst of its people, in Jesus name, Amen.
 13. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President and other government leaders of Tanzania. May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity. In Jesus mighty name, Amen.
 14. Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of men's hearts, and You protect their rights. In Your goodness, watch over those in authority in Tanzania, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security, and peace. In Jesus mighty name, Amen.

15. Father, You guide and govern everything with order and love. Look upon the members of our parliament and fill them with the spirit of Your wisdom. May they always act in accordance with Your will and their decisions be for the peace and well-being of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
16. God, our Father, all earthly powers must serve you. Help our president, prime minister, ministers, members of parliament, regional commissioners, area commissioners and all government leaders to fulfill their responsibilities worthily and well. By honoring and striving to please You at all times, may they secure peace and freedom for the people entrusted to them. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
17. O Jesus, in Your Holy Name, I lift up our president Jakaya Kikwete to You. I know that our leader's heart is in Your Hand, so I ask You to guide the head of our nation in the way You would have him go. Lord, I pray that You would surround our president with wise counsel--men and women of moral integrity who place Your agenda and the good of this great nation above their own and whose motives are for that which is right. I pray that You would give our leader discernment, understanding, and knowledge so that our country may know stability internally and abroad. I give You thanks for our president according to Your Word, and thank You for working in and through his leadership so that we might lead peaceable lives in godliness and honesty. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
18. Heavenly Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus, thanking You and praising You for our great nation. I thank You for the plan You gave to our forefathers by which to govern our nation and for the division of powers so that our destiny does not rest in the hands of one person. In praying for those in authority, I therefore lift up our parliament to You. I pray that by Your Holy Power, our legislative body would make laws that are just. Father, I ask You to give them wisdom to make decisions that would strengthen and prosper our nation. I desire that they would make right decisions concerning the politics, the social welfare, and the economics of our country. I pray that they will be motivated by Your Hand and not their own personal concerns and selfish desires. I also pray that the parliament will be independent of the ruling party's politics. In Jesus name, Amen.
19. Lord, I pray for all government officials in Tanzania. I pray for the president, that he may conduct the affairs of national government with wisdom, bravery, and true justice. I pray for the members of the parliament that they may truly represent the needs of the people, and work in harmony for the advancement of all men, women, and children. I pray for the judges that rule the courts of our land, that they may balance justice with mercy, and civil law with divine mandate. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
20. Dear Heavenly Father, grant all of our national, regional, and local leaders in Tanzania the gifts of wisdom, justice, counsel, and fortitude, that they may conduct the affairs of man in accord with the will of God. Grant to all men the gift of respect for lawful authority, justly exercised, that we may live as a united people, one nation under God. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
21. Father, Give those in authority in Tanzania wisdom in every decision, and help them to think clearly. Grant them discernment and common sense so they'll be strong and effective leaders. (Titus 3:5; James 1:5; Proverbs 3:21). We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

22. Father, Help our leaders in Tanzania to lead and govern with integrity, and may their integrity guide them and keep them on track. (1 Kings 9:4; Proverbs 11:3a; Psalm 78:72; 1 Timothy 2:1-4). We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
23. Father God, be the defender and protector of our leaders in Tanzania, and keep them always on guard. Help those who are Christians to be strong and courageous, standing firm in their faith and influencing others for Your kingdom. Encourage and strengthen them, giving them the wisdom they need. Help them to have courage and faith in You, no matter what they're facing day-to-day. (Proverbs 23:11; Psalm 41:2a; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Deuteronomy 1:38; 3:28; 2 Chronicles 1:10a; Acts 27:22, 25). Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
24. O Lord, I understand that there are specific demons working in politics and at government level in Tanzania. God, I pray and resist the influence of the evil powers on the lives of our leaders in Jesus' Name. Father God, break the strongholds of the evil one in politics and in lives of our leaders. Also break the evil plans of Satan in the hearts of all people in positions of authority, especially sophistry about how a leader should act, which is not according to Scripture. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
25. Heavenly Father, I pray that the plans of those who are involved in plots and unholy conspiracies will be broken, whether the conspirators are people in authority or persons seeking to harm someone in authority. Father, I pray that their plans will come to nothing in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.
26. I pray that the Holy Spirit will capture the thoughts of our leaders in Tanzania and that He will dominate their thinking in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.
27. I pray that our leaders in Tanzania will realize that they were appointed by God and that He gave them authority so that they will act responsibly and will realize that they will have to give account to God of everything that they do. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
28. I pray that the decisions that leaders in Tanzania must make will be the right ones and that they will be in unity with the will of God. I pray for our leaders for Godly wisdom in their position of authority when they often have to make difficult decisions under much stress. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
29. I pray that our leaders will be servants of the people they serve (Philippians 2:7, Matthew 20:26). Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
30. I pray that our leaders in Tanzania will be men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain (Exodus 18:21). Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
31. Heavenly Father, let the Lord's dominion be established in our nation, and let His enemies lick the dust. Turn our leader's hearts to fear You. Let the Lord rule over our nation and let our nation be glad and rejoice (Proverbs 21:1). Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
32. Let our leaders in Tanzania fall down before the Lord, and let our nation serve the true God. Let the poor and needy of our nation be delivered (Ps 72:11). In Jesus name, Amen.
33. O Lord, let our leaders in Tanzania praise you and let them hear the words of Your mouth in Jesus name, Amen.