



Praying for Local Leaders June 7, 2026

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Main Point

Prayer for leaders reflects God's heart and advances His mission in our communities.

Part 1: Master Teacher (10 Minutes)

Introduction

How might your perspective change if you consistently prayed for leaders in your community?

God calls believers to pray because prayer shapes both hearts and communities.

Biblical Teaching

1. Prayer Is a Priority (v. 1-2)
 - Prayer reflects dependence on God.
 - Prayer invites God's work.
 - Prayer strengthens spiritual focus.
2. Prayer Supports Peace and Witness (v. 2)
 - Peace allows gospel influence.
 - Prayer impacts communities.
 - Believers influence through prayer.
3. Prayer Aligns with God's Mission (v. 3-4)
 - God desires all to be saved.
 - Prayer supports evangelism.
 - Prayer prepares hearts.

Takeaway

Prayer is essential to spiritual influence and gospel mission.

Part 2: Group Discussion (25 minutes)

Facilitator Guidance

- Guide the discussion toward seeing prayer as a relational, faith shaping practice that influences how we view leaders, impacts our community, and creates opportunities for gospel witness while avoiding political debate.

Discussion Questions

1. Understanding the Power of Prayer

- How has prayer shaped your perspective?
- Why is prayer essential?
- How can prayer strengthen faith?

2. Praying with Kingdom Purpose

- Why does God call believers to pray for leaders?
- How does prayer influence communities?
- How can you grow in prayer?

3. Prayer and Gospel Mission

- How does prayer prepare hearts?
- How can prayer support evangelism?
- Who can you pray for consistently?

4. Becoming Faithful in Prayer

- What helps develop consistent prayer?
- How can relationships strengthen prayer habits?
- How can your prayer life influence others?

Next Steps & Call to Action (5 minutes)

Facilitator Closing Thought:

Prayer aligns our hearts with God and prepares the way for gospel influence.

Action Step:

Pray daily for leaders and opportunities to influence others.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for leaders.
- Pray for spiritual influence.
- Pray for gospel opportunities.