

## Governmental Prayer in America: Who Is Our Enemy?

In Genesis God gave the mandate to have dominion or rule in the earth. With this, we have a governmental authority when we pray. As the ecclesia, the governing body of Heaven on earth, we pray with the governing authority of Heaven. When we pray for the governments and governmental leaders on earth, we are praying to bring God's Kingdom and His will into the affairs of the world. It is important that we keep this focus as we pray for our government – Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Much of our governmental prayer involves spiritual warfare. We oppose the lying, deceptive, mocking spirit of the enemy and all his schemes to attempt to stop the blessings of God upon our nation. We do this by exposing lies and dismantling the structures of evil the enemy tries to impose in the minds of people and in legislation enforced on our citizens. While we war against the evil, we also release the blessing of God and His purposes for our nation. We do this by declaring His goodness and praying for alignment of the mindsets of people with biblical values and godly foundations of government and legislation.

It is vitally important that we remember “we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). While we are warring passionately and fiercely against evil, it is easy to become impassioned against people who seem to represent that evil. Yet, remember that God desires their salvation and is committed to bringing each one to a point of decision to follow Him wholly.

It is also easy to develop an “us against them” mindset as we pray. Our system of government is based on two dominant political parties with an assortment of other parties all committed to representing the people of our nation. We each look at the platform of the parties and have the option to align ourselves with a party that seems to represent us best. We are often very committed and convinced that “our party is the only one that is right.” Yet, there are flaws in each platform, and there are flawed people in each party. There are also godly people in each party. We must make every effort to align our prayers with God's heart for our nation rather than only with the platform or personalities of a party. As we pray, we also must make every effort to dismantle the evil schemes of the enemy rather than to dismantle a party or the character of a personality within a party. How do we do this?

Pray for:

- Pray for biblical values and mindsets in the heart, legislation, and policies of our nation from the highest government house in the land to every family home.
- Pray for LIFE. Jesus came to give abundant life, as some have said, “from the womb to the tomb.”

- Pray for restored identity as defined by our Creator in Genesis when He created us distinctly male and female. Pray for the mindsets of our citizens, for legislation and policies that align with true God-given identity.
- Pray for alignment with truth – the truth of God’s Word and the truth of our Constitution for the governing of our nation.
- Pray for a restoration of honor and a servant’s heart in those who are engaged in government.
- As you pray for people engaged in government or legislative issues, call them up into the purposes and Goodness of God. Do not “call out” a person or party in a derogatory way that feeds an “us against them” mindset. If this is too difficult, just refrain from naming people or parties and pray for righteousness in the issues. Pray for transformation, reformation, and redemption in all parties.
- Pray for people who carry God’s agenda to be elected to government office and rise to prominence in the sphere of influence – regardless of their political party.
- Pray for God’s blessing upon our citizens and upon our land. This includes all people who call America home. Declare Great Awakening that turns our nation to the fullness of God’s heart for all people.
- Pray for unity in our nation as we are the *United States of America*. Pray that we, the ecclesia, would fulfill the prayer of Jesus, “that they may be perfected in unity so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them” (John 17:23).

Through prayer, dismantle evil:

- Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44). Pray to dismantle the lies of evil that have rooted themselves in the minds of people. Declare “the Truth shall set you free!”. Declare that lies shall have no place in media, governmental leaders, political speeches or legislative debate. Proclaim Truth!
- Dismantle deception that leads to the spread of untruthful information and wrongful interpretation of our Constitution.
- “The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy.” Pray that every scheme that leads to death is exposed and dismantled including abortion, ineffective or politically motivated health services, care of children and the elderly. Pray for deliverance from depression, suicidal thoughts and destructive addictions.
- Dismantle the “political spirit” of the evil one that is driven by an agenda to usurp the government of God and the dominion God has given to us. Dismantle the works of the enemy, not the character of a person or a political party. As we war in this way, God will deal with ungodly party structures, agendas and the people who promote them.

Finally, worship and declare the Majesty of God – over your life, over legislative issues, over our government, and over our nation. “For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us,” (Isaiah 33:22).

God bless America!