
How To Intercede for Influential leaders

Everyday, men and women of importance make key decisions and shape the course of history: Thus they call for the prayers of Americans.

Sixteen key people make daily decisions that affect the course of this nation and of your freedom. Their decisions either acknowledge God's authority, or force us to disregard His laws. These sixteen key officials are the President, the two Senators from your state, the U.S. Congressman from your district, the Governor of your State, your State Senator, your State Representative, and the nine Supreme Court Justices. We have an obligation under God to intercede for them. Think of the supernatural power of God that could be unleashed from heaven if every Christian in America would pray for these sixteen key men daily by name.

Dr. Charles Stanley, pastor of a large church in Atlanta, Georgia, has suggested ten ways to pray for those men who occupy the highest offices in the land:

1. Pray that they would realize their personal sinfulness and their daily need for cleansing of their sin by Jesus Christ.
2. Pray that they would recognize their personal inadequacy to fulfill their tasks and that they would depend upon God for knowledge, wisdom, and the courage to do what is right.
3. Pray that they would reject all counsel that violates spiritual principles, trusting God to prove them right.
4. Pray that they would resist those who would pressure them to violate their conscience.
5. Pray that they would reverse the trends of socialism and humanism in this nation, both of which deify man rather than God.
6. Pray that they would be ready to sacrifice their personal ambitions and political careers for the sake of this nation, if yielding them would be in the best interest of their country.
7. Pray that they would rely upon prayer and the Word of God as the source of their daily strength, wisdom and courage.
8. Pray they would restore dignity, honor, trustworthiness, and righteousness to the office they hold.
9. Pray that they would remember to be good examples in their conduct to the father, mothers, sons, and daughters of this nation.
10. Pray that they would be reminded daily that they are accountable to Almighty God for the decisions they make.

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