

How to Pray for People of Influence

“The life of every citizen is impacted by an estimated 500,000 or more individuals who wield significant influence each day. Consider the vast multitude of elected officials, appointed judges, lawyers, police officers, bureaucrats, officials, military officers, media elite, news anchors, publishers and editors, talk show hosts, business executives and managers, theologians, ministers, rabbis, chaplains, priests, elders, pastors, deacons, lay workers, para-church ministry heads, educators, professors, teachers, medical practitioners and hospital administrators, scientists, researchers, inventors and engineers, artists and designers, athletes, actors and entertainment figures. How might we pray for these people?” --Gary P. Bergel

PRAY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES THAT THESE INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE WOULD:

- be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act. Prov. 9:10
- ask for wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Isa. 1:5
- be presented with the Gospel and loving Christian witness. Rom. 10:14
- be drawn, if unsaved, to a saving encounter with Jesus, if born-again, that they be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Tim. 2:4; Eph. 1:17-23
- see their own inadequacy, pray and seek the will of God. Prov. 3:5-8; Luke 11:9-13
- heed their conscience and repent if necessary. Prov. 28:13
- read the Bible, have prayer time and attend Bible Study. Psm. 119:11; Col. 3:2
- value and regard the teachings of Jesus. John 8: 31, 32
- respect and honor their own parents, if living. Eph. 6:2, 3
- respect authority and practice accountability. Rom. 13:1-7
- be given good counsel and God-fearing advisors. Prov. 24:6
- be honest and faithful to spouses and children. Mal. 2:15,16
- be practicing members of local congregations. Heb. 10:25
- desire purity and avoid debauchery, pornography, perversion and drunkenness. I Cor. 6:9-20
- be timely, reliable and dependable. Matt. 21:28-31
- be honest in financial tax and ethical matters. I Cor. 6:10; I Tim. 6:6-10
- seek pastoral care and counsel when needed. Heb. 13:7
- seek out and nurture godly friendships. Psm. 1:1-3
- have thankful and teachable spirits. Rom. 1:21
- be generous and have compassionate hearts for the poor and needy. Luke 10:33-37
- redeem their time and know their priorities. Eph. 5:15-17
- desire honesty, integrity, and loyalty. Psm. 26; Prov. 11:3
- have courage to resist manipulation, bribery, pressure and the fear of man. Prov. 29:25
- be shielded from the occult, New Age religions, and secret societies. Isa. 1:29, 2:6
- be presented with biblical world views and principles. Eph. 3:10
- endeavor to restore the sanctity of life, divine order and morality in our Nation. Eph. 5:22-6:1
- work to reverse the trends of humanism, socialism, and Satanism in our nation. I Chr. 12:32
- desire humility and meekness and be willing to serve and cooperate. John 13:14; Titus 3:1,2
- be prepared to give and account to Almighty God. Heb. 9:27