

WE ARE TO PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE.

## **I TIMOTHY 2:3-6**

“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.”

Now we are reminded to pray for those who need salvation! This passage presents God’s testimony for our salvation. Jesus Christ is our mediator, the perfect one to reconcile humanity to the Father. Christ became our ransom; He was the acceptable sacrifice for our sins.

“But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law that we might receive the full rights of sons.”~~Galatians 4:4-5

## **I TIMOTHY 2:7-8**

“And for this purpose, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth. I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.”

Paul gives his own ministry here as an example for praying for everyone. He was a Herald (announcing important news), an Apostle (sent by God), and Teacher (chosen to minister to the gentiles). We should consider ourselves as heralds, apostles and teachers also!

## **Summary**

We’ve heard it said: “There’s nothing left to do but pray” and “All we can do now is pray.” Both statements indicate that prayer is a last resort. But really, PRAYER IS THE BEGINNING POINT. We must pray for wisdom and guidance upon how to act.

- 1) First, we must make time each day for focused prayer.
- 2) We need to make a prayer list.
- 3) God will make opportunities for you to talk with those you have been praying for. Trust God to supply His words.

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