

THE SHEPHERD'S CHURCH

PRAYING FOR **RULERS & AUTHORITIES**

A Prayer Guide for the Church

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and thanksgivings be made for all people,
for kings and all who are in high positions.”*

1 TIMOTHY 2:1–2

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THE A.C.T.S. PRAYER GUIDE

Adoration • Confession • Thanksgiving • Supplication

This guide follows the A.C.T.S. pattern — a time-tested framework for corporate prayer that leads us through four movements as we pray for those God has placed in authority.

A — ADORATION

Psalm 2 (excerpted)

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath... "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

- Praise God as the King of kings — He alone reigns supreme over every earthly ruler.
- Worship God knowing that all earthly rulers derive their authority from Him and owe Him their fealty.

C — CONFESSION

1 Peter 2:13–17

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

- Confess the ways we have failed to honor our civic authorities — in words, attitudes, and actions.
- Ask God for hearts that honor, love, and fear Him — extending that honor to those He has appointed.

T — THANKSGIVING

Romans 13:1–7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed... For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain... Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

- Thank God that He has given us earthly powers for our good.
- Thank God for the freedom and safety to worship Him that we now enjoy.
- Thank God for justice even in this life — demonstrated through earthly rulers.

S — SUPPLICATION

1 Timothy 2:1–4

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

PRAYER PROMPTS

Refer to the officials directory on the following pages. Let the Spirit lead as you pray.

- **Wisdom** — Grant discernment to those governing our city, state, and nation. (James 1:5)
- **Salvation** — That our rulers would come to saving knowledge of Christ. (1 Tim. 2:4)
- **Godly laws** — That legislation would reflect God's justice and protect life. (Prov. 29:4)
- **Protection of Christians** — Freedom to worship and live out faith. (1 Pet. 2:15–16)
- **Immigration** — That officials act with integrity; families sustained by God. (Micah 6:8)
- **Foreign policy** — Guide our nation toward peace and Gospel advancement. (Matt. 5:9)
- **Revival** — Turn our nation to Jesus, from local community to the highest offices. (2 Chr. 7:14)

YOUR LEADERS — FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL

FEDERAL — EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Donald J. Trump (R) — President	J.D. Vance (R) — Vice President
Susie Wiles — Chief of Staff	Marco Rubio (R) — Sec. of State
Scott Bessent (R) — Sec. of Treasury	Pete Hegseth (R) — Sec. of Defense
Pam Bondi (R) — Attorney General	Doug Burgum (R) — Sec. of Interior
Brooke Rollins (R) — Sec. of Agriculture	Howard Lutnick (R) — Sec. of Commerce
Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R) — Sec. of Labor	Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (R) — Sec. of HHS
Scott Turner (R) — Sec. of HUD	Sean Duffy (R) — Sec. of Transportation
Chris Wright (R) — Sec. of Energy	Linda McMahon (R) — Sec. of Education
Doug Collins (R) — Sec. of Veterans Affairs	Kristi Noem (R) — Sec. of Homeland Security
Lee Zeldin (R) — EPA Administrator	Tulsi Gabbard (R) — Dir. of Nat'l Intelligence
John Ratcliffe (R) — CIA Director	Russell Vought (R) — OMB Director
Jamieson Greer (R) — U.S. Trade Rep.	Kelly Loeffler (R) — SBA Administrator
Mike Waltz (R) — U.N. Ambassador	

FEDERAL — U.S. CONGRESS, CALIFORNIA

Sen. Alex Padilla (D) — U.S. Senator	Sen. Adam Schiff (D) — U.S. Senator
Rep. Kevin Kiley (R) — CA-03	Rep. Tom McClintock (R) — CA-05
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Chief Justice Roberts • Thomas • Alito • Sotomayor • Kagan • Gorsuch • Kavanaugh • Barrett • Jackson

STATE — CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE

Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) — Governor	Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis (D) — Lt. Governor
Rob Bonta (D) — Attorney General	Shirley Weber (D) — Secretary of State
Fiona Ma (D) — State Treasurer	Malia Cohen (D) — State Controller
Tony Thurmond (NP) — Supt. of Public Instruction	Ricardo Lara (D) — Insurance Commissioner

STATE — SACRAMENTO-AREA LEGISLATORS

Sen. Christopher Cabaldon (D) — SD 3	Sen. Roger Niello (R) — SD 6
Sen. Angelique Ashby (D) — SD 8	Asm. Josh Hoover (R) — AD 7 (Folsom)

Asm. David Alvarez (D) — AD 8

Asm. Heath Flora (R) — Min. Leader, AD 9

Asm. Stephanie Nguyen (D) — AD 10

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YOUR LEADERS (continued)

LOCAL — SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Sup. Phil Serna — Dist. 1

Sup. Rich Desmond — Dist. 3

Sup. Pat Hume — Dist. 5

Sheriff Jim Cooper — Sheriff

Sup. Patrick Kennedy — Dist. 2

Sup. Rosario Rodriguez — Dist. 4 (Folsom)

DA Thien Ho — District Attorney

Christina Wynn — Assessor

LOCAL — CITY OF FOLSOM

Mayor Justin Raithel — Mayor (2026)

Mike Kozlowski — Council Dist. 1

Barbara Leary — Council Dist. 4

Chief Jason Solak — Fire Chief

V.M. Anna Rohrbough — Vice Mayor (2026)

Sarah Aquino — Council Dist. 3

Chief Adam Green — Police Chief

LOCAL — CITY OF SACRAMENTO

Mayor Kevin McCarty (D) — Mayor

Roger Dickinson — Council Dist. 2

Phil Pluckebaum — Council Dist. 4

Eric Guerra — Council Dist. 6

Mai Vang — Council Dist. 8

Lisa Kaplan — Council Dist. 1

Karina Talamantes — Council Dist. 3

Caity Maple — Council Dist. 5

Rick Jennings II — Council Dist. 7

LOCAL — CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff — Mayor (2026)

Jayna Karpinski-Costa — Council

V.M. Porsche Middleton — Vice Mayor (2026)

Tim Schaefer — Council

LOCAL — CITY OF ELK GROVE

Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen — Mayor

Rod Brewer — Council Dist. 2

V.M. Sergio Robles — Council Dist. 4

Darren Suen — Council Dist. 1

Kevin Spease — Council Dist. 3

YOUR LEADERS (continued)

LOCAL — CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA

Mayor Garrett Gatewood — Mayor (2026)

Siri Pulipaka — Council

Lonell Stimage — Council

V.M. Linda Budge — Vice Mayor (2026)

David Liss — Council

LOCAL — CITY OF GALT

Mayor Shawn Farmer — Mayor

Paul Sandhu — Council

Mathew Pratton — Council

V.M. Tim Reed — Vice Mayor

Bonnie Rodriguez — Council

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KEY SCRIPTURES FOR PRAYER

Verses to Guide Your Ongoing Prayers for Leaders

1 Timothy 2:1–4

Pray for all people and leaders — peaceful, godly lives. The foundational call to pray for government leaders.

Romans 13:1–7

Be subject to governing authorities — no authority except from God. God establishes governing authorities.

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people humble themselves, pray, seek my face... National repentance begins with prayer.

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is a stream of water in the Lord's hand. God is sovereign over leaders' decisions.

Jeremiah 29:7

Seek the welfare of the city... pray to the Lord on its behalf. Pray for your local community's flourishing.

Micah 6:8

Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God. Pray leaders act justly and show mercy.

Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous increase, the people rejoice. Pray for righteous leaders at every level.

James 1:5

If any lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously. Pray leaders seek God's wisdom.

Psalms 122:6–7

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! Pray for peace at every level.

Isaiah 1:17

Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression. Pray leaders protect the most vulnerable.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!” — Psalm 33:12

Soli Deo Gloria

MY PRAYER NOTES

Use this space to record specific prayers, praises, and answers to prayer for our leaders.

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

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