



First of All, Pray
“Entrusted to You” Series
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Introduction

In this passage we learn about the importance of prayer and how it reflects the gospel and the intentions of God.

The Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1) One of the primary duties of the people of God is prayer (vv. 1-2).

a) Prayer should happen in a variety of ways.

b) Prayer should happen for a variety of people.

c) Prayer should happen for us – that we would be changed into godly people.

2) Prayer reflects the gospel and God’s intentions for the world (vv. 3-7).

a) “God desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth” (v. 4).

b) “There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ” (v.5).

c) Jesus “gave himself as a ransom for all” (v. 6).

d) This is Paul’s ministry, and by extension the church’s, who serve as Christ’s ambassadors (v.7).

Application: Why do we pray? We pray because...

(1) We are commanded to,

(2) It pleases God,

(3) We have been given the gift of access to God through Jesus Christ, and

(4) It forms us and is a central part of our mission and ministry.

Response

I urge us, brothers and sisters, to make prayer “of first importance.”

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: How would you describe your prayer life, and what things, if any, hinder your prayer life or make it difficult?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) When Paul says, “first of all” (v. 1), he means, “of first importance.” If prayer is “of first importance,” why don’t Christians (or churches) treat it as such?
- 4) Why would God want us to pray “for all people,” including “kings and all who are in high positions” (vv. 1-2)?
- 5) What does Paul mean when he says that our prayers, maybe especially for our leaders, may help us “lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (v. 2)?
- 6) Why is prayer “pleasing” to God (v. 3), and how should that influence our prayer life and practices?
- 7) What does v. 4 reveal about God’s intentions toward the world and his heart for the lost?
- 8) How do vv. 5-6 summarize the basic thrust of the gospel?
- 9) What are some steps you can take to practice the kind of prayer this passage urges us to do?
- 10) What are some things our church can do to increase our corporate prayer life and practices?

Further study this week: Passages talking about prayer: Philippians 4:4-7 (Mon); 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (Tues); Romans 8:26-28 (Wed); 1 John 5:14-15 (Thurs); Matthew 6:5-13 (Fri).