

## 1 Timothy 2:1-2

***Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.***

I don't know about you, but I hate politics. I am sick and tired of people posting things on social media about it, about the new President, good or bad, and all the riots and everything else that's going on.

But be comforted knowing that today's devotional is not about politics at all. This devotional will be very short, because it speaks for itself in regards to everything that's going on in the USA today.

Read it again, and not just read it, but do it because the bible tells us to.

† **1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT) *I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.***

When you read the word "**kings**" you can translate that as the President, because we do not have kings ruling in the USA.

But notice that it's not a political statement. It doesn't say if you are Democrat or Republican, or if you like or dislike the President or those in office or if you think they are doing a great job or not, or if they are Christian leaders or not.

Nope, simply: ***Ask God to help the kings and all who are in authority, intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.***

Did you get the last four words of this ***give thanks for them.***

Whether you think the president or those in authority are jerks or not, the bible says to ***give thanks for them.***

And why should we do such a thing? Well, the verse also gives us the answer, ***so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.***

You think that things are going crazy and is all wacked out in the USA right now, then do what the bible says to do ***Ask God to help the kings and all who are in authority, intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.*** And the results will be so that ***we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.***

"I doubt that Steve" you may be thinking. Well if you are, then you are not doubting my words, but what the bible says.

Isn't God's word that tells us to do this? And isn't it's God's word that tells us the results if we do? So, are you doubting God's word? Maybe you are doubting the man in office or the other

authorities in office. Hmm so are you saying they are stronger or have control over God? If you do, then you got the wrong god.

† **Hebrews 10:23** *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

† **James 1:6** *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*