## A prayer for our Country

## 1 Timothy 2:1-4

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Father, in Jesus' name, we give thanks for the United States and its government. We hold up in prayer before you the men and women who are in positions of authority. We pray and intercede for the president, the representatives, the senators, the judges of our land, the policemen and the policewomen, as well as the governors and mayors, and for all those who are in authority over us in any way. We pray that the Spirit of the Lord rests upon them.

We believe that skillful and godly wisdom has entered into the heart of our president and knowledge is pleasant to him. Discretion watches over him; understanding keeps him and delivers him from the way of evil and from evil men.

Father, we ask that you compass the president about with men and women who make their hearts and ears attentive to godly counsel and do that which is right in your sight. We believe you cause them to be men and women of integrity who are obedient concerning us that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. We pray that the upright shall dwell in our government — that men and women blameless and complete in your sight shall stand in these positions of authority, but the wicked shall be cut off from our government and the treacherous shall be rooted out of it.

Your Word declares "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". We receive your blessing. Father, you are our Refuge and Stronghold in times of trouble. So we declare with our mouths that your people dwell safely in this land, and we prosper abundantly. We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus!

It is written in your Word that the heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord and that you turn it whichever way you desire. We believe the hearts of our leaders are in your hand and that their decisions are divinely directed of the Lord.

We give thanks unto you that the good news of the Gospel is published in our land. The Word of the Lord prevails and grows mightily in the hearts and lives of the people. We give thanks for this land and the leaders you have given to us, in Jesus' name, Amen.

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