



Mark 9:14-37

Response:

Prayer of Confession:

Most Merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

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1 Timothy 2:1-8

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions and thanksgiving, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

Pray for:

Our President and Leaders:

- that they would seek to know God
- that they would be surrounded by godly counsel
- that God's will would be done in and through their leadership

Our Nation:

- that we would be subject to the authorities God has instituted
- that we would use our freedoms and policies to extend both justice and compassion
- that men, women, and children would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth that is found in Christ alone

The Church,

- that we, the church, would commit to pray for our country
- that we, as Christ followers, would stand out from the rest and act with justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)
- that we, both collectively and individually, would glorify God and reflect Him in our words, actions, and our deeds