

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.
(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

By the time many read this, Election Day 2022 will have come and gone. Thousands and thousands of votes will have been cast. Many races will have been decided by now, but no doubt, some will still be left undecided. As with every election cycle, many hopes will be dashed and many will be upheld, at least until the next election. And then the fighting begins/continues as “us” vs “them” takes center stage and issues seemingly become an afterthought. Personally, I am not one who gets involved in the political process, for reasons I prefer to keep to myself, but I do get involved, as we all should. You see, no matter what side of the political isle on which you stand, or how involved you are, there is one thing we all ought to do in union: Pray.

The apostle Paul does not merely suggest that we pray for our leaders, but he urges it. And why the urging? So we may lead peaceful and quiet lives that are godly and dignified. I look at many in politics today and I see anything but dignified. Mudslinging is the political jargon. Attacking the other side of the isle is the key agenda item. Division, not just with lawmakers, but among the people watching on and supporting their candidate, is the result. We need to pray, pray and pray some more. Our elected leaders are sinners and susceptible to corruption, self-serving and being misguided. One of the ways that Satan attacks the Church and people is to work through those that we elect to public office; those who are in power. But we must never lose hope. Why? Because we have an awesome and sovereign God who is in complete control. He has complete power. He is never surprised by an election outcome. He is never disappointed over His candidate not getting elected. God is in control and thus leaders are in power for a purpose. We must pray, pray and pray some more that God is glorified through them. Yes, even pray for the candidate you did not vote for. Pray for them by name. Pray that God uses them. And thus, you pray for a peaceful and quiet life, that is godly and dignified. A life that is only found through faith in Jesus.

Pray, pray and pray some more for your elected leaders and may God be praised and gloried now and forever, Amen.