Scriptural Prayers for GOOD GOVERNMENT

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Dear Friend,

od's Word encourages all Christians to be involved in making their nation a stronger, healthier place. Scripture tells us that praying for our leaders is one of the best ways we can do this.

"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" (1 Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV).

It is better to pray for governmental leaders — local, state, and national — than to criticize them. This doesn't mean we always agree with their every action or condone legislative decisions contrary to biblical principles. It does mean, however, that we respect positions of authority (*Hebrews 13:17*), even if the one filling that position compromises God's principles. As we humbly and fervently call on the Lord in prayer, He promises to raise up godly leaders and govern their hearts to rule our land (*Daniel 2:20-21; 2 Chronicles 7:14*). In addition, we have the privilege in America to express our desire for godly leaders with an informed vote during local, state, and national elections.

We invite you to use this *Scriptural Prayers for Good Government* booklet for our state and nation's leaders as a starting place for your prayers. You could take a portion a day, or one section a week, or even schedule a full day of fasting and prayer and go through it in its entirety, either on your own or with a group. Regardless of how you use it, our hope is that we can all humble ourselves in prayer and turn to God. If we do, He promises He will restore our communities, our state, and our nation. The LORD will hear our cry and heal our land!

Thank you for standing in the gap with us for our nation, for Arizona, and our governmental leaders (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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SCRIPTURAL PRAYERS

for Good Government

ACTS is a simple acronym that helps us include the key elements of prayer when we talk to God. Each of the letters stands for an important component of effective prayer:

A is for adorationC is for confessionT is for thanksgivingS is for supplication

When we use the ACTS model, we are able to praise God, clear the way for effective prayer with confession, thank Him for everything He has done, and make our requests known to Him through supplication (intercession).



ADORATION

As you begin your time of prayer, start by adoring God for who He is—the creator and giver of all life, mercy, justice, and love in heaven and on earth. He created our nation and He has a divine plan for America, for Arizona, and for our governmental leaders.

- "Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever" (Psalm 117:1,2 ESV).
- "O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens" (*Psalm 8:1 ESV*).
- "Sing praise to God, sing praises; sing praise to our King, sing praises! For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm! God reigns

above the nations, sitting on his holy throne. The rulers of the world have gathered together. They join us in praising... For all the kings of the earth belong to God. He is highly honored everywhere" (*Psalm 47:6-9*).

PRAYER:

Father God, today I worship You as the King of kings and Lord of lords. You have established Your throne in heaven. You are creator of the universe and ruler over all the nations of the earth. I acknowledge that there is no name greater than Yours. All glory, power, and honor belong to You.



CONFESSION

Take a moment to ask for God's forgiveness for any way you have contributed to what is wrong with the government and its leaders. You may not be aware of anything specific, but keep in mind that even godly men like Daniel and Nehemiah identified with the sins of their people in confession before God (Nehemiah 9 and Daniel 9).

Search your heart and ask God to point out to you any way you have grieved His heart or violated His principles in the way you pay your taxes, claim your income, or withhold tithes. This is an important component of praying for our state and nation because we need to cleanse our own hearts of any way we have contributed to the corruption in the economy. Asking for forgiveness for these areas in which you might have personally contributed will clear a path as we intercede on behalf of our state, our nation, and its leaders.

2 Chronicles 7:14

"If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

PERSONAL PRAYER:

Gracious Father, I come before You with a humble heart and ask You to forgive me for any unjust or unlawful acts I have committed (such as failing to pay state or federal taxes, taking part in corruption in my business or breaking the law in any area). I ask Your forgiveness, also, for all the ways I have failed to support good government, such as by failing to pray for my governmental leaders, criticizing them, not voting, and failing to speak up for and support righteous bills and laws.

PRAYER ON BEHALF OF OUR LEADERS:

As we continue to confess sins, we stand in the gap for our state and national leaders. We repent for every way our leaders have departed from that which is morally right, just, faithful, and good. We ask forgiveness for any and all forms of corruption in our government, acknowledging that corruption is devastating to both the economic and spiritual climate of our state and nation. We ask forgiveness on behalf of our leaders for any dishonest actions they may have taken such as:

- **Political Corruption:** creating laws and executing government policies in a way that benefits them financially or otherwise
- Bureaucratic Corruption: bribery, nepotism, favoritism, embezzlement or fraud
- Electoral Corruption: purchasing votes, lying about one's opponent, making false promises, offering special favors, or interfering in any way with freedom of election
- Economic/Business Corruption: paying bribes to win public procurement contracts, avoiding tax laws, taking unfair advantage of clients

Father God, we also ask forgiveness on behalf of our state and nation's leaders for passing bills and enacting laws contrary to Your biblical principles, specifically those that have a disregard for life, family, and other godly relationships. We thank You, Lord, that when we ask You to forgive us, You do so freely and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9). We, therefore, receive Your cleansing, and thank you that You have removed any barrier in our communication with You that would hinder our prayers on behalf of our state and nation.



THANKSGIVING

Before we lay our requests for our state and federal government before the Lord, let us remember to praise and thank Him for the great things He has already done for us as a state and nation and for all He is going to do.

Psalm 100:4

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Psalm 69:30 (ESV)

"I praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 28:7

"The Lord is my strength and my shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving."

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the United States of America and for Your gift in raising up this country to be a shining light on a hill. Thank You, too, for this great state of Arizona that You are raising up to be the brightest star in the nation. We acknowledge that such favor and stature come only from You. Today we also thank You, God, for the gift of government, which You have established to serve the good of the people in Arizona and our country. We are grateful for our government, which provides protection from dangerous situations and from people intent on doing evil. We thank You for all the state and federal laws that have been passed that protect life, family, and our religious liberties. Today we praise and thank You, Lord, for the many righteous and integral men and women who serve us in every sphere of government, and we acknowledge that they are a gift from You.



-SUPPLICATION

In this section we want to present our specific requests before the Lord and call out to Him in faith for the needs of our state and nation.

Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

John 14: 13-14 (NKJV)

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it."

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

"Call unto me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not."

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

Pray for those in authority and for the salvation of those who do not know Jesus.

• "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, ESV).

Pray that government will value the life of the voiceless and the poor, including the preborn.

• "Leadership gains authority and respect when the voiceless poor are treated fairly" (*Proverbs 29:14 - MSG*).

Pray for God's presence and welfare to come upon our cities, state, and nation.

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to
the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare"
(*Jeremiah 29:7, ESV*). Ask God to squelch the growing spirit of lawlessness
and pray for and declare the peace of God (*His Shalom*) upon our cities.

PRAYERS FOR GODLY NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Praying for godly leaders is productive toward God's plan and purpose for our cities and nation. The Bible says the heart of a king or any ruling person is in the hand of the Lord (*Proverbs 21: 1*). He can turn it however He wants, so your prayers are vital and effective.

Pray for godly, good, and upright leadership with sound judgment.

- "When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan" (*Proverbs 28:2, NLT*).
- "A leader of good judgment gives stability" (Proverbs 29:4, MSG).
- "For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the men of integrity, blameless and complete [in God's sight], shall remain in it..." (*Proverbs 2:21, AMPL*).
- "...we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10, ESV).

Pray that leaders will seek and govern with divine guidance.

• "When people (or leaders) do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is happy" (*Proverbs 29:18, NLT*).

Pray for leaders to govern with justice.

• "Good leaders abhor wrongdoing of all kinds; sound leadership has a moral foundation." (*Proverbs 16:12, MSG*).

Pray for our leaders to be wise.

- "Without wise leadership, a nation falls; with many counselors, there is safety" (Proverbs 11:14, NLT).
- "When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily; but with honest, sensible leaders there is stability" (*Proverbs 28:2, LB*).

Pray that leaders will honor the laws of the land and authority, especially God's authority.

- "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God" (*Romans 13:1, ESV*).
- "Be a good citizen. All governments are under God. Insofar as there is peace and order, it's God's order. So live responsibly as a citizen" (Romans 13:1, MSG).

Prayer:

I ask You, Lord, to raise up leaders who are wise, godly, and discerning. I ask that they would know You personally and intimately, and that the eyes of our leaders would become single-minded in knowing and following Your ways. Lord Jesus, open our hearts and the hearts of our leaders to set apart this nation and bring America to all You have designed her to be. Help us understand that You have called this nation to be a model of godliness to the world. We want to grasp the immensity of Your glorious ways and ask that You use our leaders in accomplishing Your will. We know that Your Word tells us that we are to pray for the peace of Jerusalem because those who love Jerusalem shall prosper. We, therefore, pray for the peace of Jerusalem and its people, and pray that no leader in our nation will make any decision that will harm Jerusalem or Israel. Thank You for prospering our nation as You help us to do what is right in Your sight.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PRESIDENT AND HIS ADVISORS

Pray that he will lead with divine guidance.

God, Your Word says that the king's heart is in Your hand and like a river of water; You turn it wherever You want (Proverbs 21:1). Turn the President's heart toward You at all times so that in the midst of the many voices he hears each day, he will hear Your voice far above all others. Guide him with Your Spirit in every situation and decision.

Pray he will seek for and walk in God's wisdom.

God, You have said that "if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally..." (James 1:5). On behalf of the President of the United States, I ask You to fill him with godly wisdom, discernment, and understanding for every decision he makes. Grant him the wisdom and a heart to represent Your godliness, goodness, and strength to the people of this nation and to the other world leaders.

Pray for wise counsel.

Father God, I ask that You would surround our President with wise and godly counsel, men and women of godliness, justice, and integrity, who place Your agenda above their own and who seek Your face for direction for this nation. I ask that You would give the President and his cabinet Your discernment, understanding and knowledge over matters that concern this nation's safety, its laws and direction, so that we may know Your stability internally and abroad.

Pray he will serve with truth, justice, and righteousness.

Heavenly Father, I know that You establish leaders who are true, just, and upright to their people and who seek justice in all matters (Proverbs 29:14). Lead our President to do what is just and right for the people of this nation. Empower him to lead us in truthfulness and integrity. Help him to build upon the solid Christian principles upon which this nation was founded.

Your Word says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 16:25). Bring the President and his advisors to do what is

right and just in Your eyes. Show them what You want them to do, guide them in all their decisions, and give them answers and solutions that lead us toward Your plans for this country.

Pray for his protection.

Father God, I pray for Your hand of protection to be upon the President. Protect him and keep him safe from those who would seek to harm or compromise him. Shield him from all sickness, injury, or threats to his life or the life of his family. Protect his wife and children and hide them all in the shadow of Your protective covering (Psalm 91). Mighty God, I declare that no weapon turned against them will succeed (Isaiah 54:17).

PRAYERS FOR ARIZONA

The state seal of Arizona bears our state's motto: God Enriches. What a powerful declaration this is! As we pray for our beloved state of Arizona, let's pray that God will enrich our state in every sphere.

Pray for public policy that builds up Arizona families and protects biblical marriage.

Pray for Arizona to have a healthy robust economy: for new industry and jobs.

Pray for Arizona's education system: to attract the best teachers and provide quality education; for schools to be a safe place to learn and grow.

Pray for churches and faith-based services: to continue to expand and meet state and community needs.

PRAYERS FOR ARIZONA GOVERNMENT LEADERS

Pray for wisdom, wise counsel, and direction for the issues our legislators will face this year including:

- Significant budget issues: wisdom to know where to make cuts and expend resources
- How to grow industry and the economy; how to attract businesses and create new jobs
- Best measures for the defense of our state
- How to solve the border issues and bring immigration reform
- How to resolve the foster care crisis and bring the best care for the children and families in the system

Pray for pure hearts and right priorities:

- Pray for unity and cooperation between legislative and executive branches as many new leaders take office.
- Pray for a smooth transition in state government in the executive branch.
- Pray for family values to have a high priority for all legislators.
- Ask God to give our legislative leaders a keen recognition of our Founding Fathers' intent to fully protect religious freedom for all citizens. Pray that legislators will protect religious freedom for individuals and businesses.

Heavenly Father, I bring the needs of our Arizona State government before You and ask You to bless the state of Arizona through godly leadership.

Lord, I ask that our Governor, the Secretary of State, Attorney General and all statewide officeholders will seek Your divine guidance and receive wisdom for every decision they will make. I ask that they would be empowered by Your Holy Spirit and act with Your justice and compassion. I pray for the members of Arizona's Senate

and the House of Representatives to govern by Your peace and Your direction. God, we know that a house divided cannot stand. Therefore, we pray for a unified state government, standing together for the sake of the people of Arizona.

I pray for Your protection to cover all of our lawmakers as promised in Psalm 91. I pray for wisdom and safety for the men and women in law enforcement, first responders, our Arizona judges, state legislators, and the military stationed in Arizona.

I ask for godly counsel and wisdom for Arizona judges across our state. In the name of Jesus, I pray that You and Your kingdom of righteousness and justice will be manifested in the hearts of all those who are in authority in Arizona.

I ask You, Lord, to reveal Your Son to each person within the Arizona state government. Thank You for hearing my prayers and I rejoice in receiving Your answers and action. AMEN.

A SCRIPTURAL PRAYER FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

- **1 Tim. 2:1** Heavenly Father, I give thanks for our government and its leaders.
- **1 Tim. 2:2** I pray for all men and women having governmental authority over us.
- **Prov. 1:23** Pour out YOUR Spirit upon them and make YOUR Word known to them.
- **Psa. 25:21** Help them to be men and women of integrity with an understanding of YOUR principles, acting justly and righteously,
- 1 **Tim. 2:2** that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.
- **Prov. 2:10** Give our leaders wise and understanding hearts, and let godly knowledge be pleasant to them.
- **Prov. 2:11** Guide them in making wise and godly choices; guard over them with understanding, keeping them out of danger.
- **Prov. 2:12** Deliver them from the way of evil and from evil men.
- **Psalm 1:1** Make their hearts and ears attentive to godly counsel,
- 2 Chron. 20:32 doing what is right in YOUR sight.
 - **Isa. 54:14** Give us upright, just and fair men and women in our government, that our nation would be secure.
 - **Prov. 2:21** Sustain those who live right and blameless before YOU and keep them firm and strong.
 - Heb. 12:27 Shake all areas harboring corruption and ungodliness in our land
 - **Prov. 2:22** and cut off the wicked. Let the unfaithful be rooted out.
 - **1 Corinth. 4:5** Bring to light the hidden things done in darkness, and expose the secret dishonesty of their hearts.

- **Rev. 2:5** Cause this nation to remember from where we have fallen, repenting, and returning to righteous and godly works,
- **1 Chron. 22:19** setting our hearts and our souls to seek first YOU, Lord and YOUR righteousness,
 - 2 Chron. 7:14 humbling ourselves, praying, and turning from our wicked ways. We acknowledge that then YOU will hear us, O Lord, and forgive our sins and heal our land.
 - Acts 26:18 Open our eyes and turn us as a nation, from darkness to light.
 - **Heb. 3:13** Soften our hearts, for we recognize we are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
 - **Psa. 107:20** Send YOUR Word once again to the people of our nation and rescue us from destructions.
 - **2 Peter 3:9** Father, thank YOU that YOU have been longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
 - **Isa. 49:22** Raise up a standard of godliness and righteousness in our nation.
 - **Zech. 10:1** Bring the rains of YOUR Spirit to flood this land awaken us once again,
 - **Hab. 3:2** reviving YOUR work in the midst of us.
 - **Isa. 59:16** Raise up intercessors and those who will stand watch over our nation,
- **2 Corinth. 10:4** giving us discernment and understanding to pull down strongholds over our land.
 - **Isa. 40:5** And let the glory of the Lord be revealed!
 - **Isa. 60:1-4** Arise, shine through YOUR people and fill our land with YOUR light and truth.

We ask all this in the matchless and powerful name of our LORD and Savior, Christ Jesus!

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THE STATE OF ARIZONA'S TOP 114 GOVERNMENT LEADERS

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Here is a list of the most prominent leaders in our state's government. This is to serve as an aide for targeted prayers and intercession.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor Doug Ducey
Secretary of State Katie Hobbs
Attorney General Mark Brnovich
Treasurer Kimberly Yee
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Mine Inspector Kathy Hoffman
Joe Hart

JUDICIAL BRANCH, AZ Supreme Court

Chief Justice Robert M. Brutinel
Vice Chief Justice Ann Scott Timmer
Justice Clint Bolick
Justice Andrew Gould
Justice John Lopez IV
Justice James Beene

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, U.S. Congress (U.S. Senate & House)

U.S. Senators (Two per state)

Justice

Senator Sen. Mark Kelly
Senator Sen. Kyrsten Sinema

U.S. House of Representatives (Based on state population)

Rep. Tom O'Halleran (Cong. Dist. 1)
Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (Cong. Dist. 2)
Rep. Raul Grijalva (Cong. Dist. 3)
Rep. Paul Gosar (Cong. Dist. 4)

Rep. David Schweikert (Cong. Dist. 6)
Rep. Ruben Gallego (Cong. Dist. 7)
Rep. Debbie Lesko (Cong. Dist. 8)
Rep. Greg Stanton (Cong. Dist. 9)

William Montgomery

Rep. Andy Biggs (Cong. Dist. 5)

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

(State Senate & House)

Dist	30 State Senators (one per district)	60 State Representatives (two per district)	
1	Karen Fann President	Judy Burges	Quang Nguyen
2	Rosanna Gabaldon	Andrea Dalessandro	Daniel Hernandez, Jr.
3	Sally Ann Gonzales	Andres Cano	Alma Hernandez
4	Lisa Otondo	Charlene Fernandez	Joel John
5	Sonny Borrelli Majority Whip	Leo Biasiucci <i>Majority Whip</i>	Regina Cobb
6	Wendy Rogers	Brenda Barton	Walt Blackman
7	Jamescita Peshlakai	Arlando Teller	Myron Tsosie
8	Thomas "T.J." Shope	David Cook	Frank Pratt
9	Victoria Steele Minority Whip	Randall Friese	Pamela Powers Hannley
10	Kirsten Engel	Domingo DeGrazia Minority Whip	Stephanie Hamilton
11	Vince Leach President Pro Tempore	Mark Finchem	Bret Roberts
12	Warren Petersen	Travis Grantham Speaker Pro Tempore	Jake Hoffman
13	Sine Kerr	Timothy Dunn	Joanne Osborne
14	David Gowan	Gail Griffin	Becky Nutt
15	Nancy Barto	Steve Kaiser	Justin Wilmeth
16	Kelly Townsend	John Fillmore	Jacqueline Parker
17	J.D. Mesnard	Jennifer Pawlik	Jeff Weninger
18	Sean Bowie	Mitzi Epstein	Jennifer Jermaine
19	Lupe Contreras Asst. Minority Leader	Diego Espinoza	Lorenzo Sierra
20	Paul Boyer	Shawnna Bolick	Judy Schwiebert

Dist	30 State Senators (one per district)	60 State Representatives (two per district)	
21	Rick Gray Majority Leader	Kevin Payne	Beverly Pingerelli
22	David Livingston	Frank Carroll	Ben Toma <i>Majority Leader</i>
23	Michelle Ugenti-Rita	Joseph Chaplik	John Kavanagh
24	Lela Alston	Jennifer Longdon Asst. Minority Leader	Amish Shah
25	Tyler Pace	Russell "Rusty" Bowers Speaker	Michelle Udall
26	Juan Mendez	Melody Hernandez	Athena Salman
27	Rebecca Rios Minority Leader	Reginald Bolding, Jr. Minority Leader	Diego Rodriguez
28	Christine Marsh	Kelli Butler	Aaron Lieberman
29	Martin Quezada Minority Whip	Richard Andrade	Cesar Chavez
30	Tony Navarrete	Robert Meza	Raquel Teran

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Arizona House of Representatives

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- Praying God's Plan for your School
- A Biblical Guide for Phoenix Law Enforcement

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