

The First Duty of the Church: Pray

1 Timothy 02:01–08

1 *Pray for everyone*

- a. By requests
- b. By special prayers
- c. By intercession
- d. By thanksgiving

2 *Pray for civil authorities*

- a. That we may lead quiet and peaceable lives
- b. That we may lead godly and holy lives

3 *Pray for all men to be saved*

- a. Because God is our Saviour and He wills for all men to be saved
- b. Because there is only one God, not the many gods of men
- c. Because there is only one Mediator who can save us
- d. Because Christ is the ransom for all
- e. Because ministers are ordained or appointed to proclaim the salvation of God

4 *Pray everywhere and pray in the right spirit*

1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone —

2 For kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

3 This is good and pleases God our Saviour,

4 Who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

6 Who gave himself as a ransom for all men — the testimony given in its proper time.

7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.