

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 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 Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the 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 true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

REFLECTIONS

- Why should we pray for our leaders and those in authority?
- As you reflect on what Paul commends, how do your prayers for all people reflect your view of the gospel? How do your prayers reflect your view of the church?
- Reread Jeremiah 29:7. What does it mean to prayerfully seek the good of our society? How can you pursue that more?
- Why is Jesus the perfect mediator?
- Does 1 Timothy 2:1-7 teach that everyone will be saved? How do you know that? What is Paul's emphasis in this passage?