

1 Timothy 2:1-2

A Praying Church

The Importance of Our Prayers (v. 1a)

The Types of Our Prayers (v. 1b)

The Recipients of Our Prayers (vv. 1c-2a)

A Reason for Our prayers (v. 2b)

Application of 1 Tim 2:1-2

1. What keeps the modern church from making prayer the “first of all” its priorities? Ask forgiveness when prayer isn’t your first response or a priority and ask for God’s help to make it so.
2. Are you comprehensive in your types of prayers or just focus on one aspect of conversation with God? Consider expanding your “types of prayer” to include “petitions, prayers, requests and thanksgivings” etc. (not as a religious exercise, but with a desire to engage in relationship with our heavenly Father)
3. How does the command to pray on “behalf of all men” (including those in authority) challenge the way we often pray?
4. Think of unbelievers (including those in authority) you can pray for and commit to pray for them this coming week and to establish a regular habit of praying for unbelievers every day/week.
5. How would you reconcile/explain praying for the lost and God’s sovereignty in salvation?
 - a. Why would someone rejecting God’s sovereignty in salvation pray to God for the lost, if it’s up to the sinner to be saved?
 - b. Why would someone upholding God’s sovereignty pray for the lost, if God has already chosen those who will be saved?
6. Paul isn’t instructing us to pray for a peaceful life in v. 2, but that one reason for praying (especially for those in authority), is so we may have a greater opportunity to witness to those around us, as they recognize we aren’t hostile toward them, but want what’s best for them. We are also to live out our witness “in all godliness and dignity.” How does this challenge and encourage you to think, speak, and act toward unbelievers (especially in government?) In what ways could you strive to live this out this week?

Reading this week: Read chapter 2 to become more familiar with the chapter we’ll be looking at in the coming next weeks.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<i>A P</i> _____ <i>C</i> _____	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	The I _____ of O _____ Prayers (v. 1a)	_____
	The T _____ of Our P _____ (v. 1b)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	The R _____ of O _____ Prayers (vv. 1c-2a)	_____
	A R _____ for Our P _____ (v. 2b)	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	People	Paul	Pray/Praying/Prayer(s)

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: