



## Standing on the wall of Prayer.

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For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say, 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:11-14).

As the longing to see Jesus face-to-face begins to grow in our lives, we will find ourselves beginning to pray, what might seem at first to be, unusual prayers. We will not simply pray more often, "Come soon, Lord Jesus." We will watch the news or read the newspaper and find ourselves deep in intercession. Issues surrounding Israel and the Middle East will begin to find their way into our prayer times. We will make connections with others who are standing on the wall of prayer for their nation and the dangers currently faced.

*Lord, how I love the fact that You allow us all to experience Your presence in a wonderful way, even though we find ourselves still in the flesh and waiting for the fullness of our redemption. But You have made us to be those who will live forever with You. I can't wait to see You face-to-face. Give us all a passionate love and desire for You that surpasses anything that is in this world. May we find ourselves lining up with Your Word and looking forward to Your appearing with great joy and expectation.*

–Taken from [Prayer and the End of Days \(Praying God's Purposes in Troubled Times\)](#) by David Butts.

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## Prayer Points

Praise God that he is patient with you, “not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9). Thank God for his patience with you in aspects of life you are slow to let him change. Confess times of presuming upon his patience, and commit yourself to ready and diligent responses to his leading. Ask God to help you, as his image-bearer, to reflect his patience.

Pray that you and your network of family and friends will remember God’s standard: “Love is patient” (1 Cor. 13:4). Ask him to help all of you move that from thought to practice.

–Prayer Points taken from [Patterns for Prayer](#) by Alvin Vander-Griend

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## A Leaders Responsibility to the People

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God’s throne”  
(**Psalm 97:2**)

Though our leaders can never approach God’s perfection in righteousness and justice, we can pray they be more like Him.

Let them model our human government after the heavenly one. The dictionary defines justice as “the administration of what is just, the administration of law and fairness”. Righteousness “is acting or being in accordance with what is just, honorable and upright”.

## May our prayers:

1. Help our leaders to think rightly and act justly in all situations; especially where God has given authority. (As judges, senators, governors etc.) **Proverbs 3:5-6** “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight.”
2. Help them to see what really matters in all circumstances; to be able to cut through the hype and spin the media puts on things. **Psalm 41:12** “In my integrity you uphold me and set me in your presence forever.” **Psalm 111:10** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.”
3. Help them to put aside their biases and to think in ways that are Godly. **Proverb 11:3** “The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.” **James 1:5** “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously.” **Philippians 4:8** “Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things.”
4. Help them to seek first the kingdom of God and righteousness above all else. Let them “hunger and thirst” after them. **Colossians 3:5** “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed.”
5. Help those who are judges to render true justice.  
**Proverbs 23:23** “Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding”