



## Walking with a Holy God.

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Isaiah 59:2 says, *“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear.”*

When we come into the presence of God, we will always behold one outstanding characteristic of His nature: His holiness. There is not a blemish in God; purity and impurity do not mix. If we are to have intimate fellowship with a holy God, then we must be clean before Him. David asked a question in Psalms 24, “Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?” He then answered his own question saying, “He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully” (24:3-4). Only the pure in heart will be able to enter into the presence of God and discover intimacy with Him.

Sin in the life of the believer hinders intimate fellowship with God. God is holy. When sin resides within the heart of a disciple of Jesus, it’s impossible for that disciple to walk in deep intimate fellowship with one who is absolute purity. We must confess our sins, and “He [will be] faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn. 1:9).

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*Righteous Father, You created me for a purpose, and my heart's desire is to fulfill what You have called me to do. I struggle with being pulled in many directions because of all the needs around me, and can easily be caught up in busyness or distractions! Don't let me be deluded by the comfortable, or satisfied with less than Your best! Draw my heart into the depths of the kingdom of now for the sake of the kingdom to come. May I bring You honor and glory in the midst of what You have entrusted to me!*

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## Prayer Support for Our Leaders

Our lives are influenced each day by the decisions our leaders make. Think about the kind of decisions our elected officials, appointed judges, police officers, military officers, business executives, church leaders, educators, medical practitioners make. Below are suggestions based on

Scriptures that we can pray for people in authority.

- 1) Pray that they are God fearing and know that they are accountable to God for every decision and act they make. (Prov 9:10)
- 2) That they be given wisdom, knowledge and understanding (James 1:5)
- 3) For the unsaved to be born-again; and if they are saved to be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. ( 1 Tim 2:4,Eph 1:17-23)
- 4) That they recognize their own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God. (Prov 3:5-8), Luke 11:9-13)
- 5) Pray that they read the Bible and attend prayer meetings and bible studies. (Ps 119:11, Col 3:2)
- 6) That they respect authority and practice accountability. (Ro 13:17)
- 7) Pray that they have godly counsel and God-fearing advisors. (Prov 24:6. That they be members of a local church. (Heb 10:25)
- 8) Pray they live pure lives and avoid debauchery, pornography, perversion and drunkenness. (1 Cor 6:9-29, Titus 2:12)
- 9) That they seek pastoral care and counsel when needed. (Heb 13:7)
- 10) Pray that they have thankful and teachable spirits. (Ro 1:21)
- 11) That they desire honesty, integrity and loyalty. ( Psalm 26, Prov 11:3)
- 12) Pray they have courage to resist manipulation, pressure and the fear of man. (Prov 29:25, 2 Tim 1:7)
- 13) That they be shielded from occultism, New Age cults, false religions and secret societies. ( Is 1:29, 2:6)
- 14) That they have Godly worldviews and principles. (Eph 3:10)
- 15) That they endeavor to restore the sanctity of life, families, divine order and morality in our state. (Eph 5:22-6:4)
- 16) Pray that they would work to restore the trends of humanism in our state. (1 chron 12:32, Is 59:19)