

# *I Timothy*

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**Requests='lacking'; prayers=worship to God; intercession=to identify with; w/thanks.**

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**We pray for salvation for the lost, to God w/thanksgiving. We identify with their lostness.**

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**It's for everyone (male/female/no nationality/race bounds). Totally counter to Jews then.**

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**Kings and all in authority. For us, President, Congress, Judges, Mayors, Police, etc.**

Why would Paul feel it necessary to identify/include this group?

**At that time they were dominantly ungodly and profane. Yet believers are to intercede!**

What is the REAL reason to pray for them? Rom.13:1-5; IPet.2:17; IICor.10:4

**Our kingdom is not of this world, but we're to honor/respect God's appointed authority.**

And what is one of the goals of our prayers/intercessions? 2:2b; IThess.4:11

**So that we may live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and holiness. Very good!**

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**This is pleasing to God Who wants all men to be saved and know the truth (about Christ)**

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**One God, One Mediator between God and (all) men, the man Christ Jesus. No other way**

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**It's one who makes peace between two warring parties. Here it's the God-Man, Christ.**

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**He gave Himself as our ransom. At exactly the right time, Christ died for us. God-man.**

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**I want men (male) in all churches to lift up holy hands in prayer. No anger/disputing.**