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How do these words describe the depths of our prayers? Eph.2:1-10

Who is the object of these prayers/requests/intercessions? 2:1-2a; Acts 17:30; Titus 2:11

To clarify this, what (unpopular) group is included? 2:2a; Rom.13:1-7; IPet.2:13-17

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

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

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

Such peace comes when the authorities are *converted*. How does God feel about this? 2:3-4

The basis for this evangelistic prayer...2:5-8

What is a key truth that undergirds this universal evangelism? 2:5-6; Job 9:33; Heb.7:25

What is the purpose / function of a mediator? Job 9:33; Heb.8:6, 9:15, 12:24

What 'authorizes' Jesus to be our Mediator? 2:6; Eph.5:2; Titus 2:14; IPet.2:24,3:18

What does Paul reaffirm about himself? 2:7; 1:11-12; Eph.3:7-8; Rom.10:14

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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!

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

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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.