



## Democrats vs. Republicans – Who's To Blame?

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**My Daily Prayer:** *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1,2).*

Almost every day I hear criticisms about the government and the officials who run it. The Republicans blame the Democrats and the Democrats blame the Republicans. There are those who ridicule the President and there are those who think he is doing a good job. We are quick to blame the economic woes on corrupt leadership and imprudent decisions. Tom, Dick and Harry occupying the White House in Washington need to get their act together and turn this ship around or our nation will join the demise of the Titanic at the bottom of the sea of nations' blah, blah, blah!

I guess it's only human nature to point scrawny fingers and blame those in authority for all our nations' afflictions, when in all actuality; the finger should point to you and me as well! Yes, that's right; the blame should essentially include all of us! Why?...Because God exhorts every one of us to pray for all men, especially those who are in a position of authority. This would include not only those in government locations, but those in any kind of authoritative situation.

For example; when was the last time we prayed for our children's principle and teachers? What about the men and women behind the badge who place their lives on the line to protect us? Furthermore, there are valiant men and women staffing our military, many of which pay the ultimate sacrifice to defend this great nation and protect the freedoms we enjoy. In addition, there are superintendents, bosses, and leaders where we are employed – when have we lifted them up to the Lord in prayer instead of griping, complaining and elevating our blood pressure over something they did, or did not do? Let me tell you, folks, I have elevated my blood pressure to the heights of Mt. Everest and not one time did it do any good! I have yet to significantly change or permanently alter anything by singing, 'gloom, despair and agony on me!'

There is something, however, that we all can do that will make a world of difference – pray! Prayer is a guaranteed vehicle that will bring about an enduring difference and convey change like we have never

experienced before! Prayer is simply conversing with God – the Creator, Governor, and Judge of the universe!

One might ask; why is prayer so important? What possible good can be derived by someone entering into their ‘prayer closet’, bolting the door behind them and beseeching the Lord through earnest, heart-felt supplication? In a nut shell; ‘prayer produces results’! Prayer enables the hand of God to reach to the very depths of the human heart, and like the rudder managing a mighty ocean liner, steer it in the right direction past dangerous reefs to dock securely in the seaport.

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Dear Lord, I confess to you my negligence when it comes to prayer. Please help me not to gripe and complain so much; rather bring my concerns before your throne, lay them at your nail-scarred feet and leave them there. You alone know and govern the hearts of men and can bring about real change and set our nation on a course of righteousness and moral excellency. Thank you, Lord, for hearing and answering our petitions and answering them according to your Divine will.

In Jesus name, your son, Greg – Amen.

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