

FA33. Praying for Rulers & Persons in Authority.

We are to pray for rulers and persons in authority.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 2:1-2

First of all, then, I counsel that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all human beings, including kings and all in positions of prominence; so that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives, being godly and upright in everything.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:44

Luke 6:28

Romans 8:26-27, 10:1

2 Corinthians 1:11

Ephesians 6:17-18

Colossians 1:9

James 5:16

1 John 5:16

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

1 Samuel 12:23

Sh'mu'el answered the people, "Don't be afraid. You have indeed done all this evil; yet now, just don't turn away from following ADONAI; but serve ADONAI with all your heart. As for me, far be it from me to sin against ADONAI by ceasing to pray for you! Rather, I will continue instructing you in the good and right way.

Job 42:10

When Iyov prayed for his friends, ADONAI restored his fortunes; ADONAI gave Iyov twice as much as he had had before.

Comment

This *Mitzvah* and the others referenced above are what is known as “intercession.” What they have in common is praying for others rather than for ourselves. There are similarities and apparent repetitions among them, but they are individually listed because the verses that support each of them are worded somewhat differently.

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