

“Letters to Timothy” (Part 2)
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1 Tim. 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—

As the Apostle Paul instructs Pastor Timothy about his ministry, he emphasizes the importance of corporate worship.

Four different words are used to describe PRAYER as our conversation with God:

<i>Petitions:</i>	Asking God to provide for <u>our needs</u>
<i>Prayers:</i>	All-encompassing term for <u>devotion</u> toward God
<i>Intercession:</i>	Appeals <u>for others</u> made with boldness and confidence
<i>Thanksgiving:</i>	Expressions of gratitude for <u>mercies received</u>

1 Tim. 2:2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

One of the mercies received in prayer is the “peace and quiet” (*shalom*) we have as Christ’s people.

1 Tim. 2:3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

Praying for all people—including our enemies—is pleasing to God!

Matthew 5:43-44

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”

1 Tim. 2: 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

The God who desires all to trust in Him also gives people the ability to reject His Word and Spirit.

1 Timothy 1:19-20

“...holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander.”

1 Tim. 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people...

As our “mediator,” Christ alone gives us access to God. He bridges the gap between God and man.

John 14:6

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

1 Tim. 2:8 Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.