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## Praying for Our Nation, Living Before Our Nation

Consider these 2 questions:

1. How are we to pray for our nation – not just during this year’s election but on an ongoing basis?
2. How are we living out the Gospel to our nation?

### **Prayer must be the key element in our life**

**1 Timothy 2:1-4** *“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,<sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.<sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,<sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

1. **Pray for others.**
2. **Pray specific prayers for specific people.**
3. **Prayer for our leaders.**
4. **Pray with thanksgiving for the Spread of the Gospel**

### **The Gospel must set the standard of conduct for my life**

**Philippians 1:27-30** *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,<sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.<sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,<sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.*

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“Our fidelity to biblical truth, our personal holiness, our sincerity, our consistency, our ability to speak with grace and truth, our unwillingness to confuse the kingdom of this world with the kingdom of Christ, our realism in the midst of utopian promises, our hope in the midst of fear and loathing, our winsome witness to the gospel—to embody these realities week after week is more important than what happens on the second Tuesday in November.”

*Kevin DeYoung, Pastor, University Reformed Church, East Lansing, MI*

“We must be stripped of an unhealthy and idolatrous confidence in the power of government to save us. God has given us the gift of governments in order to restrain evil, uphold righteousness, and provide for civil order. No human ruler can save. No government or office holder can heal the human heart, solve the sin problem, or accomplish final justice. These powers belong to God and God alone.”

*Al Mohler, President of Southern Seminary*