

# The Prayer for Peace

Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Someone once said: “Prayer is man’s most accessible means to heaven’s most accessible might.”
2. This should be remembered when one obeys God’s command to pray for peace.
3. However, it must also be remembered that even though God desires peace, man has a choice and a duty in achieving peace.
4. “Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it” (Psalm 34:14).

## I. PEACE IN THE HOME

- A. Peace is necessary for a good and abundant life (1 Peter 3:10-11).
  1. It affects one’s relationship with God (Hebrews 12:14).
  2. It affects one’s relationships with his neighbors (Proverbs 16:7).
- B. Clearly, peace should be sought in the home (1 Peter 3:1-12).
  1. Requires submission
  2. Requires selflessness
  3. Requires seeking
- C. Trouble arises when there is no peace in the home (Genesis 27:35-36, 41; Proverbs 30:21-23; 21:9, 19; 27:15).
- D. Peace must be sought, but not at the cost of Truth (Matthew 10:34-36).
- E. Thus, the Christian must both pray and strive for peace in the home.

## II. PEACE IN THE CHURCH

- A. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).
- B. God desires for His children to be at peace with one another (1 Thessalonians 5:13; Romans 14:19; 2 Timothy 2:22).
- C. Trouble arises when there is no peace in the church (Matthew 5:23-24; Galatians 5:15).
- D. Peace must be sought, but not at the cost of Truth (Ephesians 4:1-6).
- E. Thus, the Christian must pray and strive for peace in the church.

## III. PEACE IN THE WORLD

- A. To achieve peace in the world, there must first be peace in the church and the home!
- B. “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34; cf. 29:2).
- C. Often God seeks peace while man desires war (cf. Jonah 4:1-2, 11).
  1. Abraham desired peace for Sodom, but they refused to repent (Genesis 18 – 19).
  2. Jesus sought peace for Jerusalem, but they refused to repent (Matthew 23:29-37).
- D. In the end, peace can be found only by submitting to the Truth of God (2 Chronicles 7:14; Nehemiah 1:6-7).
- E. Thus, the Christian must pray and strive for peace in the world.