

FA10. Praying in the Spirit for All God's People.

We are to pray in the Spirit for All God's People.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Ephesians 6:18

.. as you pray at all times, with all kinds of prayers and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.

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

James 5:16

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Job 42:8

So now, get yourselves seven young bulls and seven rams, go to my servant Iyov, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering. My servant Iyov will pray for you- because him I will accept- so that I won't punish you as your boorishness deserves; because you have not spoken rightly about me, as my servant Iyov has.

Comment

Ephesians 6:18 instructs us to pray in the Spirit for all God's people. This raises two questions: (1) What does it mean to pray in the Spirit? and (2) Who are God's people? There is a common usage of the term "praying in the Spirit" that means praying in a heavenly prayer language known as "tongues." That is not what is meant here; here praying in the Spirit here means interceding in prayer through the Holy Spirit. Regarding the identity of God's people, there are several possibilities: (1) believers in God; (2) persons who are saved through their faith in Yeshua; and (3) all human beings. 1 Timothy 2:1 makes it clear that we are to pray for all human beings.

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