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Pray It Forward

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Series: Joining Jesus on His Mission

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❖ Two Questions

- What is Jesus up to?
- How is he inviting me to join him?

❖ Five Practices

- Seeking the kingdom.
- Hearing from Jesus.
- Talking with people.
- Doing good.
- *Ministering through prayer.*

Central Passage

Matthew 6:9–10 (ESV) — **9** Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. **10** *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

Central Thought: Joining Jesus on his mission by praying with people isn't about “getting your words right but inviting your King in,” (Greg Finke, *Joining Jesus on His Mission*, p.127).

❖ When should we pray? Initially and continuously.

1 Timothy 2:1 (ESV) — **1** *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,*

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (ESV) — **16** *Rejoice always, 17* **pray without ceasing, 18** *give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (See also Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:4-7)*

❖ For whom should we pray? Everyone! Including...

1 Timothy 2:1 (ESV) — **1** *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people...*

- Those in positions of political, economic and spiritual leadership and authority.

1 Timothy 2:2 (ESV) — **2** *for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (See also Colossians 4:2-4; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2).*

- Our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Ephesians 1:15–16 (ESV) — **15** *For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16* **I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers...** (See also Ephesians 1:15-23).

- The sick and sinful.

James 5:13–16 (ESV) — **13** *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14* *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15* *And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16* **Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.** (See also 1 John 5:13-17).

- Our enemies!

Matthew 5:43–44 (ESV) — **43** *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44* *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...* (See also Romans 12:9-21).