

Introduction: David Platt expresses the main idea for chapter 2 that we begin today as “a call to pray for and proclaim the gospel to all kinds of people because God desires their salvation in Christ died as ransom for all.”

To maintain the proper context for the Scripture, we must constantly remind ourselves that this letter is addressed to Timothy from Paul. However, every one of these admonitions to pray and for whom to pray and how to pray— they are for Timothy in order to administer the stewardship of God’s people through properly qualified men and preached to the church that they may hear and obey God’s word.

## **I. Paul teaches Timothy the primacy of prayer. What kinds of prayer?**

**1. Supplications-**

**2. Prayers-**

**3. Intercessions-**

**4. Thanksgivings-**

## **II. For whom should we pray?**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

### **Close**

<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. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who [gave] himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Ephesians 6: 18 pray at all times in the spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

So, for whom do we pray?

1. We pray for those who live in peace.
2. We pray for those who live under paganism.
3. We pray for those who are living in persecution.
4. We pray for those who are living as persecutors.
5. Titus 2:11 wraps it up for us where Paul writes, “for the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.”

In each of these areas we pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ is heard and responded to by those who would believe in Christ, repent of their sins, and live lives that reflect the salvation in Christ that they profess. We pray for the salvation of those living under paganism, communism, socialism, capitalism, in persecution, as persecutors.