

A Call to Prayer

2:1 **F**IRST of all, then, I urge that ^aentreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, ² ^afor kings and all who are in ¹authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and ²dignity. ³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of ^aGod our Savior, ⁴ ^awho desires all men to be ^bsaved and to ^ccome to the ¹knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is ^aone God, *and* ^bone mediator also between God and men, *the* ^cman Christ Jesus, ⁶ who ^agave Himself as a ransom for all, the ^btestimony ¹borne at ² ^cthe proper time. ⁷ ^aAnd for this I was appointed a ¹preacher and ^ban apostle (^cI am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of ^dthe Gentiles in faith and truth. **8** Therefore ^aI want the men ^bin every place to pray, ^clifting up ^dholy hands, without wrath and dissension.

Women Instructed

⁹ Likewise, *I want* ^awomen to adorn themselves with proper clothing, ¹ modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; ¹⁰ but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness. ¹¹ ^aLet a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. ¹² ^aBut I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. ¹³ ^aFor it was Adam who was first ¹created, *and* then Eve. ¹⁴ And *it was* not Adam *who* was deceived, but ^athe woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression. ¹⁵ But *women* shall be ¹preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in ^afaith and love and sanctity with ²self-restraint.

^a Eph. 6:18

^a Ezra 6:10; Rom. 13:1

¹ Or, *a high position*

² Or, *seriousness*

^a Luke 1:47; 1 Tim. 1:1; 4:10

^a Ezek. 18:23, 32; John 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:10; Titus 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:9

^b Rom. 11:14

^c 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7; Titus 1:1; Heb. 10:26

¹ Or, *recognition*

^a Rom. 3:30; 10:12; 1 Cor. 8:4

^b 1 Cor. 8:6; Gal. 3:20

^c Matt. 1:1; Rom. 1:3

^a Matt. 20:28; Gal. 1:4

^b 1 Cor. 1:6

¹ Or, *to be borne*

² Lit., *its own times*

^c Mark 1:15; Gal. 4:4; 1 Tim. 6:15; Titus 1:3

^a Eph. 3:8; 1 Tim. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:11

¹ Or, *herald*

^b 1 Cor. 9:1

^c Rom. 9:1

^d Acts 9:15

^a Phil. 1:12; 1 Tim. 5:14; Titus 3:8

^b John 4:21; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 2:14; 1 Thess. 1:8

^c Ps. 63:4; Luke 24:50

^d Ps. 24:4; James 4:8

^a 1 Pet. 3:3

¹ Lit., *with modesty*

^a 1 Cor. 14:34; Titus 2:5

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^a Gen. 2:7, 22; 3:16; 1 Cor. 11:8ff.

¹ Or, *formed*

^a Gen. 3:6, 13; 2 Cor. 11:3

¹ Lit., *saved*

^a 1 Tim. 1:14

² Or, *discretion*

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.