

Pray  
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"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4

There is so much uncertainty that is floating around in the world. Everything is up in the air. And as for our choices, what we end up doing, how we react - they all seem fraught with danger, uncertainty, false boldness fronted up to hide our fears.

Yet St. Paul reminds us of something that is utterly certain and sure, a course of action that we know will be solid, a way we can react to anyone in any situation that is good, that is pleasing to God. Pray. Pray for them.

Is someone sick? Pray for them.

Is someone scared? Pray for them.

Is someone in authority? Pray for them.

Is someone powerless? Pray for them.

Is someone rich or someone poor? Pray for them.

Is someone going to work or have no more job to go to? Pray for them.

Is someone making decisions you like? Pray for them.

Is someone making decisions you just know are stupid? Pray for them.

Are you scared, or making decisions - Pray for yourself.

Amidst all the weird and strange things of life, remember who you are. You are a baptized child of God, brought into His kingdom. All of us together have this - we are royal priests of God who are to offer up the sacrifice of prayers that are pleasing to God.

It doesn't matter who it is - God is happy when you pray for them. And you don't even have to know what to say - for the Holy Spirit Himself prays in you and with you and for you. (Romans 8:27) So, lift up the person, whoever it is - and that is a good thing.

As for the rest - I have no idea how it's going to go. But there will be people to pray for, and when you see them - when you see someone to pray for - do so. And for me - and I will pray for you.

And Christ Jesus is pleased with this, and He Himself desires you to be saved. Which is why He went to the Cross and died and rose for you. And that remains true, week in and week out, no matter what comes down the pike.