

**Psalm 72 (ASV)**

*(Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King)*

*Today we pray for our leaders!*

*The reign of the righteous king.*

***A Psalm of Solomon.***

**72** Give the king thy judgments, O God,  
And thy righteousness unto the king's son.

<sup>2</sup> **72** He will judge thy people with righteousness,  
And thy poor with justice.

<sup>3</sup> The mountains shall bring peace to the people,  
And the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> He will judge the poor of the people,  
He will save the children of the needy,  
And will break in pieces the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> They shall fear thee while the sun endureth,  
And <sup>6</sup> so long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup> He will come down like rain upon the mown grass,  
As showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his days shall the righteous flourish,  
And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.

<sup>8</sup> He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,  
And from the River unto the ends of the earth.

<sup>9</sup> They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him;  
And his enemies shall lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute:  
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

<sup>11</sup> Yea, all kings shall fall down before him;  
All nations shall serve him.

<sup>12</sup> For he will deliver the needy when he crieth,

And the poor, that hath no helper.

13 He will have pity on the poor and needy,

And the souls of the needy he will save.

14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence;

And precious will their blood be in his sight:

15 And they shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba:

And men shall pray for him continually;

They shall bless him all the day long.

16 There shall be abundance of grain in the earth upon the top of the mountains;

The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:

And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever;

His name shall be continued as long as the sun:

And men shall be blessed in him;

All nations shall call him happy.

18 Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel,

Who only doeth wondrous things:

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever;

And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse are ended

*This prayer was prayed by the King for his son as Solomon was ascending the throne of Israel. It is still a relevant prayer today even though all nations don't have a king or aspire to world domination. There are valid points in this psalm/prayer that apply to all nations and their elected leaders.*

*We in democratic societies, elect our leaders on a preterminal time schedule to run the affairs of our countries, to ensure prosperity and food for all, to find justice and help for the poor and the marginalized of our societies, to rule with honesty and integrity, to show leadership in integrity and ethical behaviour and hopefully, to use their freewill and judgement abilities to govern using God's teachings and not to follow the degrading moral values of the world.*

### **Prayers for our Leaders**

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge you as the one true and living God

We pray that your will be done on the earth and in us as it is in heaven

We us pray for wisdom and knowledge for our Leaders to rule our nations with integrity

We pray for leaders who will defend the poor and the marginalized

We pray for Leaders to provide laws and public servants who will protect all our citizens

We pray that our Leaders be people who will serve the needy and all members of society equally

We pray for Leaders that will oppose oppression wherever it is found

We pray for Leaders whose time in office will be as refreshing to the people as the spring rain to new growth or rainfall in a parched land

We pray that the governance of our leaders will bring prosperity to the land and to its citizens

God, we realize that perfection in this world will only be accomplished when your Son Jesus returns to rule, and we thank you for your Son, and His sacrifice on our behalf

Lord, help us to continually pray for all world leaders

We pray that our Leaders will be Fairly compensated and not be led into temptation for avarice or greed.

We pray all these things in the name of your Holy and Precious Son Jesus.

Amen

Our Daily Bread for April 2, 2024 says the following:

*“The health of a country is governed by the integrity of its office-bearers. Let’s seek ‘Psalm 72 Leaders’ for our nations and help them to embody the qualities found in this Psalm by praying for them.”*

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