

Alexander Chapel United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes

1 Timothy 2:1-7

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth;^[a] I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

1. Supplication

This is earnestly asking God for specific help. For example: Merciful Lord, we ask You to reach the hearts of those who distort Your gospel or wound others in Your name. Break through confusion and pride, and bring clarity, humility, and repentance, so that Your truth and love may shine more brightly in our world.
Amen.

2. Prayer

This could be regarded as a *General conversation with God*.
For example: Holy God, You know every person and every motive. We lift to You those who seem to harm the witness of Christ. Guide them and guide us. Keep us from anger or self-righteousness, and lead all of us toward the way of Jesus—full of grace and truth.
Amen.

3. Intercession

Is when you are standing in the gap for someone else. This may sound like: Lord Jesus, Mediator and Friend, we intercede for those whose actions or teachings mislead others. Surround them with wise counsel, soften their hearts, and protect those who are vulnerable to harm. Let Your Spirit work for their good and for the healing of the Church. Amen.

4. And Thanksgiving

This is us expressing Gratitude as we pray. For example: Gracious Father, we thank You that Your Church belongs to You alone and that no human failure can stop Your saving work. Thank You for the chance to love and pray for those who trouble us, for through such prayer You shape our own hearts to look more like Christ.
Amen.