

# ASKING POINT

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*He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just.  
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He. Deut. 32:4*

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## Praying for those in authority

*“Therefore I exhort you, first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence (decency). For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1Timothy 2:1-4*

One meaning of intercession means to interview with explicit instructions. This encourages us to be specific and direct in our requests to God. This passage teaches us:

**HOW to pray: with supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks.**

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead and teach you. Notice plural use, indicating much prayer.

**WHO to pray for: all men, kings, (presidents) and all in authority.**

**WHY pray: that we can live quiet and peaceable lives** in a godly society that reverences life as opposed to living in war and/or persecution.

**WHAT we are to pray: “God desires (wills that) all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.”**

*“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.”* Acceptable means the prayer is both good, godly, from God and so acceptable to Him, therefore He will answer it. Notice that these prayers will benefit us, with quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and reverence.

**Application:** We pray for those to be elected, first in obedience to God, and to maintain our personal and spiritual freedoms and ability to preach the gospel and worship God without persecution. It is in a reverent society that a godly seed can be raised up to know, love and serve God. Praying for your leaders will have positive consequences.

### Ask For:

- **Men and women in elected office to be “saved” and come to the “knowledge of the truth.”** 1Timothy 2:4
- **Godly repentance leading to salvation for elected officials,** 2 Corinthians 7:10, 11
- **Godly leaders to know the fullness of salvation** – forgiveness of sin and reconciliation Luke 7:44-50; physical protection Matthew 8:24-26; deliverance Luke 8:35-36; physical healing Luke 8:43-48; experience the miraculous power of God Luke 8:49-50.
- **Thank God for: the assurance of answered prayer.**

*“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.” 1Timothy 2:3*

...receive from Him  
anything we ask, because we obey  
His commands and do what pleases Him...

1 John 3:22



## Hope of the nations: ASKing for Ghana

*"In His name the nations will put their hope." Matthew 12:21*



### *FAST FACTS ABOUT GHANA*

**Area:** 92,098 sq. mi      **Peoples:** 108, unreached 16      **Capital:** Accra  
**Religion:** Christian 62.6%    Islam 22.2%    Ethnic 14.9%  
**Official language:** English  
**Population:** 24,233,431

Ghana was the first place in sub-Saharan Africa where Europeans arrived to trade- first in gold and later in slaves. In 1874 the British established the Gold Coast Crown colony over parts of Ghana. It was the first black African nation in the region to achieve independence from colonial power in 1957. In spite of rich mineral resources, a good education system and civil service, corruption and mismanagement soon followed. However, in 1981 the country began to move towards economic stability and democracy and since 1992 has had a constitution embracing a multi-party system. Ghana is often seen as a model for political and economic reform in Africa.

Ghana is still mourning the sudden death of their Christian President Mills last month. He was replaced in a smooth transition by the former Vice President, John Mahama, who has also professed to be a Christian. Many government leaders have expressed their belief that President Mahama will live up to their good expectations mainly because of his background and experience as an astute politician.

Even though Christianity has long been established in the south and about 63% of the population call themselves Christians, attendance figures rarely top 10%. Traditional African worldviews and practices too often lie just under the surface and hinder spiritual growth with the resulting mixture of truth and error.

### PRAY:

- The true Gospel will enlighten the hearts of those who call themselves Christians and pray that they will become Christ followers putting away all fetishism and occult bondages. *"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."* John 8:32 *"...I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons."* 1 Corinthians 10:20-21
- God would continue to place influential leaders in Ghana who will bring Christian principles into the government; that President Mahama would not just be an "astute politician" but a faithful example of righteousness and integrity in all of his dealings. *"The integrity of the upright will guide them. The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them."* Proverbs 11:3,5 *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and He delights in his way. Though he fall...the Lord upholds him."* Psalm 37: 23-24
- The recently discovered offshore oil reserves and Ghana's mineral deposits will be used to enhance the welfare of the citizens and not fall into the hands of the wicked. "He who sows wickedness reaps trouble...a generous man will himself be blessed for he shares ...with the poor." Proverbs 22: 8-9 "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker but whoever is kind to the needy honours God." Proverbs 14:31