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*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." - Romans 12:1,2 (ESV)*



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Christmas Tree



## Prayers for Elected Officials

As you can imagine, our presidential election drew a great amount of conversation on college campuses in Ohio and around the nation. The Saturday following the election, our Ohio Jubilee Academy student leaders gathered together and we facilitated a conversation on politics. We challenged students to reflect on their prayer life and if they had committed time to pray for our elected officials as we do for our own prayer requests and the requests of friends and family.

We admit that we were equally challenged by our conversation, especially as we took a closer look at Paul's first letter to Timothy: **"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way"** (1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV). We all spent a good portion of our time together in prayer for all people, especially our elected officials. We encouraged the students to write short prayers, to post in their rooms and we all committed to praying regularly for our elected officials. Here are three prayers that were written by the students:

Dear God,  
you tell me to seek you first and to put my hope in you. please allow me to see our current and future government officials as you see them. I pray that I will not have fear but love for them... that I can see them as brothers and sisters. I pray that every plan, decision and action is made with wisdom and that ~~you~~ they are following you!

Lord,  
help me to see those in office as image bearers of you. Let me respect and love them to the utmost. Draw them in and give them counsel.

Lord,  
I know you're intentional with the people you put into political leadership/power, and I thank you that although I don't always see it, you are in control. And I pray and ask that your presence be known in D.C., I pray that your wisdom and truth is poured into the elected officials—in turn, then, seeping into their leadership and decision making. I again thank you and love you. in your son's name. Amen.

**Thank you** for your prayers for our student leaders as they seek to faithfully engage all spheres of culture and exemplify to their fellow students how Jesus changes peoples' lives - and the Gospel changes everything. God is Good. (All the Time.)