



- Trusting God changes how we **live** and how we **respond** to life.

Trusting God means:

- The activity of our lives is building **unity** not division.
- The activity of our lives is learning to trust **leaders** we didn't vote for.
- The activity of our lives is **loving** people that are different than we are.
- The activity of our lives is focusing on God who is in **control**.
- The activity of our lives needs to include taking our **worries** to God.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

- Prayer and praise lead us from **panic** to peace.

Pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (MSG)

Prayer brings peace because:

- We're choosing to embrace **faith** rather than **fear**.

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- Prayer reminds us of God's **activity** in our life.

...Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6b (NLT)

God's activity in our past increases our faith for the **future**.

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. Romans 12:12 (NLT)

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Philippians 4:7a (NLT)

God wants prayer to be your first response, not your **last resort**.

Trusting God with prayer means:

- I go to God on behalf of **others** and with an appreciation for others.

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)

Intercession defined:

- The act of **bringing** two parties **together**.

Intercession happens when we are:

- **Convinced** that God will answer.

Jesus said... ..whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24 (NIV)

- **Concerned for people we love.**

Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:30 (NLT)

Trusting God with prayer means:

- I go to God on behalf of the **leaders** of our land.

Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. 1 Timothy 2:2-4 (NLT)

- I go to God on behalf of my **Country** and **city**.

...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Action Steps:

Humble ourselves.

Pray.

Seek **God**.

Turn from our **wicked** ways.

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: ... Isaiah 55:6-7

...When a believing person prays, great things happen. James 5:16 (NCV)



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- How are you doing trusting God in this election? Does your faith overcome your frustrations and fears?
- Do you find that prayer replaces panic with peace? Why does prayer bring peace?
- Have you been praying more during this election?
- How does going to God on behalf of others demonstrate faith in God? IS Intercession a part of your life? In what way? Talk about the two points under the sub-heading: "Intercession happens when we are:"
- What does it mean for us to go to God on behalf of the leaders of this land? How does this demonstrate trusting God?
- What does it mean to go to God on behalf of my Country? How often do you do this?
- Read 2 Chronicles 7:14; How do we do these action steps and how do they demonstrate out trust in God?

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