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Topic: A Church in Order: Pray for the Nation

Scripture text: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

1. The Church is commanded to pray for the nation. In public worship, the Word of God teaches that there must be a focus on prayers to God. The Church is called the House of Prayer.
2. In v.1, there are various descriptions of prayer which covers all types of prayers. Supplications is to pray for personal needs of the congregation. Prayers have the emphasis on reverence of God. Intercession is to pray for one another which also includes those outside the Church. Giving of thanks is praises to God in prayer.
3. In v.2, we are to pray for kings and those in authority. In Singapore, it is easy to take this for granted as our country is peaceful and orderly. In the times of the writing of this Epistle, it was the reign of Emperor Nero who was against Christians and persecuted them. It was not easy then to pray for those in authority.
4. God wanted the Christians to pray for the nation leaders as the government is a divine appointment from God. Christians are to submit to it as long as it is not against God's Word. We pray for the nation so that we can live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
5. This will enable Christians to share the Gospel and be a good testimony for Christ. Such prayers reflect the heart of God that He is not willing for any to perish. Christians pray and desire for the unbelieving world to know the one true way to be saved through Jesus Christ, the Mediator between God and man.