

**For all in politics.**

King of kings and Lord of lords, we pray for those who govern us.

We ask you to bless the Queen and the Royal family, the Prime Minister and his government and all who sit in parliament.

Grant them patience in all their deliberations,  
intelligence in the framing of our laws,  
compassion in the tactics they deploy,  
and wisdom in the decisions they reach.

Help all who exercise power in the realm of politics, heavenly Father,  
to walk humbly,  
to temper justice with mercy,  
and to seek the common good.

Cleanse our political life from all that tends to character assassination,  
personal vilification and mere sectional interest.

We thank you for all those who so generously give of themselves in public life  
and we pray that all politicians may be inspired by the noble ideal of serving  
others.

In the name of him whose own supreme authority on earth and in heaven  
flows from his readiness to serve, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Long before I entered parliament, I was asked to write a prayer for those in politics for the annual Prayer Manual of the Methodist Church. It became a prayer for people like me only later!*