

DAY 12. — OUR STATE

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.”

1 PETER 2:13-14

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.”

ROMANS 13:1-2

Yesterday’s prayer came with a challenge to fight the urge to dehumanize our nation’s leaders, know that the Christian standard calls us to rise above the American standard, the same is true when it comes to our state and local leaders. As we place our faith in God, we have a responsibility to come under the authority of our local leaders. This submission comes with an opportunity to work in partnership with our local officials to create communities that are safe, welcoming, and supportive for all of our neighbors.

PRAYER:

Father God, we pray for our governors, our state and local officials. Grant them grace to face their unique challenges regarding secure voting measures, political unrest, financial crisis, law enforcement, racial division and so on. Please give them insight into the needs of their communities and discernment to make decisions to lead our state and communities well. Reveal to me an opportunity to partner with local officials to better my community.