

The Call to Prayer for 2008 is based on Philippians 4:8. We are asking you to pray (dwell) on these things:

(New International Version) whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy
(New American Standard Bible) whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise,.

(The Message) things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse

(King James Version) whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise,

(New King James Version) whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy

(New Living Translation) what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. Things that are excellent and worthy of praise

Compilation of these words from various translations: 1) True; 2) Honorable, noble, honest; 3) Right, just, 4) Pure; 5) Lovely; 6) Of good report, admirable, of good repute; 7) Excellent, virtue, excellence; 8) Worthy of Praise, praiseworthy

Related Scripture and rationale for significance of Leaders asking you to pray:

I Tim. 2:1-2 tells us to pray for our elected leaders in order that we might lead a tranquil and quiet life, in other words, that peace will be prevalent in our society. Those leaders that you pray for are also asking you to pray for that peace to prevail in our community. True peace comes from the peace of God and Philippians 4:9 says that in order to have the God of peace with us, we should dwell on the virtues listed in Phil. 4:8. Therefore, During the year of our Lord, 2008 our leaders are calling us to pray for an increase in the following virtues among our citizens of the City of Lubbock and Lubbock County:

Truth, Honor, Justice, Purity, Beauty, Integrity, Excellence, Credibility (These words have been chosen after examination of the Greek meanings of the words used in Philippians 4:8)

Therefore (you can find the actual proclamations at praylubbock.com):

The Lubbock Mayor and City Council, the Lubbock County Judge and Commissioners Court and Pray Lubbock have called Sunday, February 3, 2008 a day of prayer and fasting, commencing a season of prayer on behalf of the character and heart of our community and its people. We are asking that we all focus our prayers this year on the hope that the following virtues (found in Philippians 4:8) will prevail in our citizens and community and bring transformation to both:

Specifically, pray for...

Truth – Pray that truth will be valued more than personal opinion, that we will be sincere and trustworthy.

Honor – Pray that our motives will be sincere and highly regarded, that we will display appropriate levels of dignified and serious behavior.

Justice – Pray that our actions and declarations will be founded in righteousness, that we will be equitable and fair.

Purity – Pray that our society will desire values over vices, that we will favor abstinence over indulgence.

Beauty – Pray that our people and neighborhoods will be inwardly and outwardly lovely, that our relationships and environment will be friendly and amicable.

Integrity – Pray that our reputation will be that of a good report, that our demeanor will be upright and commendable.

Excellence – Pray that our workmanship will be of high-quality, that our life-pursuits will be respectable and first-class.

Credibility – Pray that we will earn grounds for commendation, that our community will be admirable and praise-worthy.

So we may practice these things and the God of peace will dwell with us.

