

An Economic Development Prayer for Government Professionals

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 104:24-34, Genesis 41:47-57

Reflections of the Heart:

“Economic growth doesn’t mean anything if it leaves people out.” ~ Jack Kemp

ONE Prayer:

Gracious Father, we thank You for providing a way for government professionals to survive and thrive though economic development. Thank You for taking care of them and supplying all of their needs from Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Thank You for having plans for elected and appointed officials, senior executives, directors and managers, plans for good and not for disaster, to give them a future and a hope. You are a great God and a great King above all gods. You hold in Your hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to You, for You made it. Your hands also formed the dry land. We worship and bow down. We kneel before You, our maker, for You are our God. We are the people You watch over, the flock under Your care. We listen to Your voice today!

Almighty Father, we decree economic development and success among government professionals. We confess that they will be wise and understand Your ways. They will prove it by living honorable lives, doing good works that come from wisdom. By faith, we declare that they do not have a spirit of fear and timidity, but power, love and self-discipline. They will work to ensure that there is a mighty flood of justice and an endless river of righteous living within economic development systems. We expect them to efficiently, effectively and equitably spend taxes and government funds on services such as quality education, jobs, neighborhoods, food, roads, water and safety. We declare that they will not get tired of doing what is good, for at the right time, if they don’t give up, they will reap a harvest of blessing. They will never be lazy, but work hard and serve enthusiastically.

Holy Spirit, help government professionals to see that the decisions they make and the interests they pursue individually and collectively contribute to the economic health of their communities, countries and the world. Touch their hearts to be on one accord, merciful and loving in their efforts to build and sustain ethical and inclusive operations, enact and enforce just and fair laws, stimulate employment, improve living conditions and champion peace and prosperity. Remind them that the needs of each person they serve — regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, ability and social and financial status — should be considered in economic development plans and practices. In turn, show them ways in which they can support stronger economies and improve the quality of life in their communities.

Holy Spirit, reveal how I can pray for and support economic development in Government:

Righteous Father, forgive government professionals for all acts of sinfulness. Forgive those who have not been diligent in seeking Your leadership and guidance. Forgive those who do not trust in You nor Your wisdom but rely on their own limited human understanding. Forgive those government professionals who have compromised Your Word in order to profit. Forgive those who have not treated their constituents, colleagues and employees fairly but have given priority to people with wealth and privilege. Forgive those who use positions, information and lobbying to gain unfair advantages to benefit personally at the expense of the communities they serve. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind government professionals of those they need to forgive and help them to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, to you, say, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help government professionals not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Omnipotent God, how great are Your riches and wisdom and knowledge! You are the God who does great things too marvelous to understand. It is You who performs countless miracles. We praise You, Lord! Let everyone on earth bless Your Holy Name forever and ever! Everything comes from You and exists by Your power and is intended for Your glory. All glory to You forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Philippians 4:19, Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 95:3-7, Proverbs 4:7, James 3:13, II Timothy 1:7, Amos 5:24, Galatians 6:9-10, Romans 12:11, Matthew 6:13, Romans 11:33a, Job 5:9, Psalm 145:21, Romans 11:36

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