

CRISIS INSERT: GOVERNMENT & POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

Toppling Governments, Civil Unrest & National Crisis — 4-5 Minutes

“He changes times and seasons; He deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.”

— **Daniel 2:21 NIV**

Use this insert alongside the Praying in Times of Crisis guide when the crisis at hand is the toppling of a government, civil unrest, a contested election, or national political upheaval.

1. Opening Focus (0.5 min)

Quiet your heart before the Lord. Remember Rees Howells and the intercessors of the Bible College of Wales who prayed through the Munich crisis before World War II until Rees knew in his spirit, “Lord, bend Hitler” had been answered — a European war was averted. God still governs the nations, and He still bends the proud through the prayers of His people.

2. Scripture Anchor (1 min)

Read Daniel 2:21 aloud, along with one of these:

- “I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.” (Ezekiel 22:30 NKJV)
- “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2 NIV)
- “And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14 NIV)

3. Focused Intercession (2.5 min)

Remember Nehemiah, who carried a burden to rebuild the walls of his nation and repented on behalf of his people (Neh. 1:6-7), and Esther, who was positioned “for such a time as this” to intervene in a national crisis. Let their example shape your prayer as you cry out for:

- Righteous leaders to be raised up, and corrupt or destructive leaders to be exposed, restrained, or removed
- A peaceful, orderly transition of power where governments are shifting or being contested
- Protection over the vulnerable — the poor, the persecuted, and those without power or voice in the upheaval

- Restraint over violence, rioting, and retaliation, and wisdom for those keeping the peace
- The Church in that nation to remain a clear, courageous witness, refusing fear and division regardless of the outcome
- God's sovereign purposes to advance His Kingdom through this upheaval, however the natural circumstances unfold

4. Declaration (1 min)

Pray this declaration aloud:

"In the name of Jesus, we declare that God changes times and seasons, and He deposes kings and raises up others. Lord, bend every proud ruler as You bent nations in crises past. Raise up righteous leadership, restrain violence, and protect the vulnerable. Let Your Church stand as a steady light in this nation's upheaval. We stand in the gap and refuse fear, trusting You alone as the true and sovereign Ruler over every throne. In Jesus' holy name, Amen."

5. Closing Thanksgiving (0.5 min)

Thank God that no throne, president, or parliament sits outside His authority, and that He has invited His people to partner with Him in shaping the destiny of nations through prayer. Amen and Amen.

Total runtime: ~5 minutes

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