

Trump Says Pursuit of Peace Is About More Than Politics: 'I Want to Get to Heaven'

As he pushes to bring an end to the bloodshed between Russia and Ukraine, President Donald Trump made it clear this isn't just about politics, diplomacy or even the Nobel Peace Prize. For him, it's about something bigger, he's thinking about eternity.

"If I can save 7,000 people per week from being killed – I want to get to heaven, if possible; I'm hearing I'm not doing well," Trump said in a televised phone interview Tuesday morning. "If I can get to heaven, this will be a reason."

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President Trump makes a humble admission as he pushes to end the war between Ukraine and Russia.

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A President Focused on Peace

Trump's words came after a whirlwind of calls and meetings with European leaders and even Russian President Vladimir Putin, who, according to Trump, eagerly answered a late-night call from the Oval Office. The urgency, he said, couldn't be delayed.

"One gentleman said, 'Let's meet in another month or two,'"

Trump recounted. "I said, 'A month or two?! You will have 40,000 people dead. You do it tonight.'"

Unlike many of his predecessors, Trump's message is plain: time is short, lives are at stake, and peace is worth pursuing immediately. "I want to get things done," Trump said. "If it works out, I'll go to the trilat [trilateral meeting] and close it up."

Contrasting With Other Leaders

Trump hasn't been shy about drawing a line between his leadership and that of other presidents. On Crimea, he pointed squarely at former President Barack Obama: "Obama gave it away. They took the most valuable piece surrounded on four sides by ocean, a beautiful piece of property. Why the heck did he do that to them? In one of the dumbest real estate deals I've ever seen."



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On NATO, he contrasted his approach with that of former President Joe Biden. "Since I've been there, we don't pay," Trump said. "I got NATO to go from 2% to 5%. We sell to NATO, and NATO pays us immediately. Then they give it to Ukraine."

Secretary of State Marco Rubio even noted that Trump is the only one in the world who can bring Putin to the table. And Trump himself added, "France and Germany, and the U.K., they want boots on the ground. Putin is tired of it; they are all tired of it."

A Leader Surrounded by Faith

In many ways, Trump's desire for peace highlights something deeper. While he often frames his efforts in terms of saving lives and "getting to heaven," the Bible makes clear that no

one earns heaven by their works, no matter how noble.

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The apostle Paul wrote, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8-9).

Jesus Himself declared, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). That means peace initiatives, historic deals or even saving countless lives cannot open the gates of heaven, only faith in Christ can.

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As President Trump works tirelessly to bring peace where so many others have failed, it is a reminder that his quest for peace is a noble one. Yet Scripture is crystal clear that eternal life does not come through great accomplishments or historic treaties, but only through faith in Jesus Christ.

Let us pray that President Trump, even as he pursues peace on the world stage, comes to the full realization of what the Bible teaches about salvation, and that his heart is drawn to the One who is the true Prince of Peace.

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