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Psalm 6:9

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 1

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Revelation 22:13)

PRaise GOD AS THE BEGINNING AND THE END

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

Revelation 22:13

God is eternal - He has no beginning and no end. Yet, in relation to His created universe - including man - God is the Beginning and the End (the Alpha and Omega). He was not only present before the Universe began, He also caused its beginning! Likewise, He will cause its end and continue to exist ever after.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as greater than all others. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence. Yet, let us pray with confidence - for God is able to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Matthew 16:18)

PRAY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE CHURCH

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

Jesus promised that the church would never be destroyed - even the "gates of hell" shall not prevail against it. However, that does not mean that members of the church have nothing to do with the endurance of the church. Christians must preach the Gospel, maintain holy lives, assemble to worship, and engage in work in order for the church to continue.

Likewise, we must pray for the church. Let us pray for the preservation of the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that congregations may hold fast to the truth and faithfully persevere.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 2:1)

PRAY FOR ALL MEN

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men..."

1 Timothy 2:1

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We must remember our duty to pray for all men. Each day, pray for someone you have never prayed for (or haven't prayed for in a long time) – someone you've just met, someone you happen upon in your daily affairs (even if you don't know their name), someone you hear about on the news, those in nations that you may never visit. Let us open our eyes to the world of humanity around us and involve God in the lives of our neighbors!

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 6:10; 26:42)

PRAY, "THY WILL BE DONE"

"He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done."

Matthew 26:42

When praying, God's will must always be remembered and honored. This must be kept in mind when we pray for physical needs. God will answer, but in harmony with His will.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Micah 7:19)

"Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

Micah 7:18-19

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Matthew 9:29; Luke 17:5; 2 Peter 1:5)

PRAY FOR FAITH

"Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you."

Matthew 9:29

"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith."

Luke 17:5

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). To grow in faith requires effort in study and exercise of our faith. Yet, prayer is to be involved as well. Just as the apostles, we should ask the Lord to increase our faith. Let us all pray for greater faith!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Leviticus 22:29)

"And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will."

Leviticus 22:29

Offer thanksgiving to God freely!