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Psalm 17:1*

A YEAR OF PRAYER WEEK 2

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Isaiah 40:28; Genesis 1 - 2)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CREATIVE POWER

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding."

Isaiah 40:28

God is a being of power – all power. This is seen in His creation of the universe. Yet, this power is exercised for man's good. Verse 29 states that He gives power to the faint and verse 31 declares that those who wait on Him will have their strength renewed.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as the Almighty Creator. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence. Yet, let us pray with confidence – for God is able and longs to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 2:47)

PRAY FOR THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

"...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Acts 2:47

As the Gospel was preached, men and women obeyed. Thus, the Lord added them to His body – the church. It is the Lord's desire to continue adding to His body.

Let us pray for the growth of the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that the Gospel will be taught and preached. Pray for opportunities to proclaim God's Word. Pray that it may find honest and good hearts. Pray that the church will be motivated to evangelize.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 2:1-2)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

We must remember our duty to pray for those who have authority over us. Pray for our leaders – local, state, and national. Pray that they may be guided by the principles and teaching of

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Scripture. Pray that their decisions will be in harmony with God's will and word. Pray that we may be at peace and live godly lives without authoritative oppression.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**(Matthew 6:11; Exodus 16)**

PRAY FOR FOOD

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Matthew 6:11

The provision of manna for the Israelites in the wilderness illustrates the principle of daily bread. We should be grateful for what we have received. Ask for food for the day and trust God to provide it. Do not worry for the future. When you pray, ask God to provide your daily food.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**(Psalm 103:8-14)**

"He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

Psalm 103:10-12

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**(Mark 12:30; Philippians 1:9-11)**

PRAY FOR LOVE

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

Mark 12:30

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more..."

Philippians 1:9

We must learn to love God above all else. To do this, we must study His Word and come to know and understand His nature and character. Yet, as Paul showed, we must also pray for our love to grow. Let us all pray for greater love!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**(1 Chronicles 16:4, 7-9)**

"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works."

1 Chronicles 16:8-9

Levites were appointed to thank God. The first thing David did was to give a psalm to thank God. Thanksgiving must be a priority in our lives and in our prayers.

