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Psalm 42:8

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

### WEEK 3

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Exodus 3:14)

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##### PRaise GOD FOR HIS SELF-EXISTENCE

"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hat sent me unto you."

Exodus 3:14

God is a self-existent being. This means that He has no beginning and no end – no creator. God simply is. "I AM THAT I AM" means that God is ever in the present – eternally existing. He is not dependent upon anyone or anything for His existence, power, or wisdom.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as self-existent and eternal. 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

(Acts 5:1)

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##### PRAY FOR THE FEAR OF THE CHURCH

"And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things."

Acts 5:11

Fear is a sense of reverence and respect for God. To fear God, one must acknowledge His greatness and His holiness. When God is feared, sin is shunned.

Let us pray for the fear of the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that God's people will show the proper reverence toward God – when we worship and when we serve. If Christians do not respect God, how can the world ever learn to reverence Him? Pray for the church to learn, accept, and follow the will of God.

#### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28)

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##### PRAY FOR ENEMIES

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

Matthew 5:44

We must remember our duty to pray for those who oppose us. We must desire good for all men – even those who hate and harm us. Pray for our enemies to become friends by obeying the Gospel of Christ.

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**PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**(1 Timothy 6:8)**

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**PRAY FOR CLOTHING**

"And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

1 Timothy 6:8

Of the many things that we call necessities, God instructs us to pray for two – food and clothing. The clothes we wear are often taken for granted because they are so easily and abundantly available. Yet, we must be grateful and – just as we ask for food – we should ask God to supply us with suitable clothing. We should also remember those who are in need and give to them.

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**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(Isaiah 38:17)**

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"Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back."

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**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

**(Romans 15:13)**

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**PRAY FOR HOPE**

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

Romans 15:13

God desires that we abound in hope. Hope is both a desire and an expectation for eternal salvation in Heaven. Often we have the desire, but are unsure about the expectation. We need to pray for greater hope! Learn to trust in God and His promises. Allow hope to help us endure the tests and trials of life.

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(1 Chronicles 23:30)**

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"And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even."

1 Chronicles 23:30

Thanksgiving to God should be in the heart of the Christian at all times. It was a duty of the Levites to thank and praise God every morning and evening. It is also the privilege of every Christian. Throughout the day, give thanks to God.