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Psalm 55:1-2

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 4

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(John 5:26; Acts 17:24-28)

PRaise GOD FOR HIS SELF-SUFFICIENCY

"For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself."
John 5:26

God is a self-sufficient being. This means that He is not dependent upon anyone or anything else. He has life in Himself. He does not need anything to give Him life! He does not need men to build Him a house. In fact, He does not need man at all! Yet, He loves all and desires to have fellowship and relationship as a family – as a Father to His children.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as self-sufficient. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, understanding His great love for us. Yet, let us pray with confidence – for God longs to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 8:1-3)

PRAY FOR THE ENDURANCE OF THE CHURCH

"...And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad..., except the apostles."

Acts 8:1-3

The Lord's church will face persecution. Thus, every Christian needs to develop endurance. When difficult times arise, the people of God must endure and stand firm upon the Truth.

Let us pray for the endurance of the church – locally and worldwide. Pray for those in dangerous places and difficult situations where there is a threat to their physical wellbeing. Pray that Christians will stand strong in the face of opposition. Pray that the church will endure.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

PRAY FOR EVANGELISTS

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."

2 Thessalonians 3:1

We must remember our duty to pray for those who preach the Gospel. Especially, we must pray for those who evangelize in foreign lands and difficult places. There is no greater support that we could give them!

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Let us pray for their safety. Pray for opportunities that they may preach and teach. Pray that they may find honest and good hearts. Pray for Robert Martin and Joey Treat and their families. Pray for their area of work – the Pacific Islands. Pray for good success and the salvation of souls.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**(1 Timothy 6:6-8)**

PRAY WITH CONTENTMENT

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

1 Timothy 6:6-8

As we pray for physical needs, we must learn contentment. We must learn the difference between need and wants (necessities and luxuries). Learn to be thankful for and content with what God has given. Learn to use our abundance to help others.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**(Jeremiah 50:20)**

"In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve."

Jeremiah 50:20

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**(Galatians 5:22)**

PRAY FOR JOY

"But the fruit of the Spirit is ...joy."

Galatians 5:22

Joy comes from knowing that all is right with one's soul – even when things are difficult in one's life. We must learn to have joy when times are good or bad, happy or sad. The forgiveness of sins and the hope of Heaven gives joy no matter the circumstances of life. Pray for greater joy.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**(1 Chronicles 29:10-13)**

"...Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

1 Chronicles 29:10-13