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Psalm 55:16-17*

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 5

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 8:4; 115:12; Hebrews 2:6; Genesis 8:1)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS MINDFULNESS

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?"
Psalm 8:4

"The LORD hath been mindful of us: He will bless us..."

Psalm 115:12

God, the Creator, never forgets or neglects His creation. He remembered Noah – was mindful of him throughout the Flood. He remembers His covenant and promises to man. He was mindful of our lost condition and visited us by sending His Son as a man to die for our sins.

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

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 8:4)

PRAY FOR THE DEVOTION OF THE CHURCH

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."
Acts 8:4

When the early church faced persecution, they did not give up their faith or hope. Even when they were forced to leave their homes, they remained true to God and His Word. So devoted were they to the Lord that wherever they went, they preached the Gospel.

Let us pray for the devotion of the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that every congregation will commit to the cause of Christ without wavering. Pray that we will evangelize always. Pray that we will stand for the Truth, even when persecuted and ridiculed.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(James 5:13-15)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. ...Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

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We can pray for ourselves when we are sick. Yet, we also have the privilege of praying for others in their time of sickness. Prayer and treatment both have a role in the healing of the sick. Let us not forget our duty to pray.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick. Let us pray with faith, yet with submission to the will of God. Let us remember that spiritual sickness is far worse than physical illness. Remember the sick in your prayers. (*See the Prayer List and weekly bulletin for those in need of prayer.*)

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Philippians 4:6)

PRAY FOR REQUESTS

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Philippians 4:6

God wants us to pray for the necessities of life. Yet, He also allows us to make our requests known to Him. God wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives. We included Him by praying. Pray with contentment and submission to His will, and let your request be made known.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Isaiah 1:18)

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Isaiah 1:18

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Galatians 5:22)

PRAY FOR PEACE

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

Galatians 5:22

Peace comes from knowing that one is forgiven of sins – at peace with God. Only then can we be at peace with ourselves and make peace with others. Pray for deeper grasp of the peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7). Pray for freedom from anxiety due to the peaceful assurance that God is in control and all is well with your soul.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 30:1-5)

"O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. ...Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Psalm 30:2, 4-5