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Psalm 65:1-2

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 6

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 90:2)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS ETERNAL NATURE

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

Psalm 90:2

God is without beginning or ending. He is eternal – as always existed and will always exist. Before everything men know as their world came into existence, God was already there. After this vast universe ceases to exist, God will still be present.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as eternal. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, understanding His greatness. Yet, let us pray with confidence – for God sees all things and is able to answer our prayers for our benefit.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 9:31)

PRAY FOR THE REST OF THE CHURCH

"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified..."

Acts 9:31

After a time of severe persecution, there came a time of rest. Saul, their great persecutor, became obedient to the Gospel – thus, an enemy became a friend. In their rest, the church was able to be edified, comforted, and multiplied.

Let us pray for the rest of the church – locally and worldwide. During persecution we should pray for endurance and devotion. However, we should also pray for rest – a ceasing of suffering. Pray that the church may be at rest because of the Gospel's changing enemies into brethren.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

PRAY FOR THE GRIEVING

"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

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When a brother or sister suffers, the church should show their love and support. The loss of a loved one causes a difficult time of grief and suffering. We may not know what to say, but we can always pray.

Let us pray for the comfort of the grieving. Pray that they may find comfort from God and the truth of His Word. Pray that they may grow closer to the Lord and not allow grief to cause them to drift away from Him. Pray that faith and time may help their hurt heal.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 6:7-8)

PRAY WITH TRUST

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”

Matthew 6:7-8

When we pray, we must remember that God already knows our needs. Thus, we can pray with trust and confidence that He will answer with what is best for us. Let us learn to pray with complete trust in God.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(1 Kings 8:30)

“And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.”

1 Kings 8:30

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Galatians 5:22)

PRAY FOR LONGSUFFERING

“But the fruit of the Spirit is ...longsuffering.”

Galatians 5:22

Longsuffering is patience and forbearance. God is longsuffering toward man and his sins. He is patient and grants new opportunities for repentance and growth. We must learn to be patient toward others. Pray to be more longsuffering.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 50:14-15)

“Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”

Psalm 50:14-15