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Psalm 66:19-20

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

### WEEK 7

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#### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(1 John 4:8)

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##### PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LOVE

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

1 John 4:8

God is love. Love is of God – it flows from Him as its source (1 Jn. 4:7). It was love that brought man into existence. It was love that paid the price for man's sin at the cross. It is love that will take man to God's presence in an eternal Heaven.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as love. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, understanding His greatness. Yet, let us pray with confidence – for God loves us. And, as a loving Father, He will hear and answer our prayers.

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#### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 9:31; 1 Cor. 14:4, 12, 19)

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##### PRAY FOR THE EDIFICATION OF THE CHURCH

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

Acts 9:31

"...Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."

1 Corinthians 14:12

When the church had rest from persecution, they were edified. The word 'edify' means, "To build up or strengthen." The church is edified by teaching, worship, and fellowship.

Let us pray for the edification of the church – locally and worldwide. We must desire for the church to grow stronger. We must participate in the things that build up the church. We must pray for the strengthening of the faith and faithfulness of the Lord's church.

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#### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Thessalonians 5:14; Romans 15:1)

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##### PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY WEAK

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."

1 Thessalonians 5:14

The spiritually weak are those without strength. Perhaps they are new converts who are just beginning to grow. Maybe they are those facing difficult trials that hinder their growth. It could

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be one who is coming out of error and struggling with preconceived ideas. It is anyone who is in need of spiritual strength.

Let us pray for the spiritually weak. Pray that they may have opportunity to learn and to grow. Pray that they may have determination and devotion to keep fighting. Pray that they may be strengthened in faith and knowledge. Pray that we may encourage and help those who are weak.

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#### **PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**(Psalm 33:18-19; 34:10)**

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##### **PRAY FOR FOOD**

"The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing."

Psalm 34:10

We must pray for our food – our daily bread. Yet, we must remember that God already knows of our need. And, we must trust His promise to provide. If we seek Him first, we will not lack.

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#### **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(2 Chronicles 7:14)**

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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

**(Galatians 5:22)**

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##### **PRAY FOR GENTLENESS**

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

Galatians 5:22

Gentleness refers to moral goodness, excellence of character, and integrity. It is much more than just being gentle; it is certainly not being weak. A gentle person will treat others with honesty and kindness.

God is gentle toward us. He is honest about our sins; yet, lovingly forgives. In kindness he teaches and edifies us (through His Word) encouraging our growth. Let us learn to be gentle toward God and toward others. Pray for gentleness.

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#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(Psalm 69:30-34)**

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"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.  
...Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and everything that moveth therein."

Psalm 69:30, 34