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Psalm 69:13

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 8

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Isaiah 30:18)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS JUSTNESS

"And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him."

Isaiah 30:18

God is just. He is no respecter of persons, but is fair to all. Those who wait upon Him will find grace, mercy, and blessing. Those who refuse Him and follow their own way will receive justice. God will punish the wicked, but He will reward the forgiven and the faithful.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as just. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, understanding His justness. Yet, let us pray with confidence - for God is fair. As He has promised, He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 9:31)

PRAY FOR THE COMFORT OF THE CHURCH

"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."

Acts 9:31

When the church had rest from persecution, they were comforted. Edification and comfort go hand in hand. Knowledge of God's Word gives comfort and encouragement.

Let us pray for the comfort of the church - locally and worldwide. We must remember that forgiveness of sins, fellowship with God, and eternal life in Heaven are worth enduring the tests and trials of this life. Pray that the church will be comforted in hope.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Acts 8:21-24)

PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY WAYWARD

"... [T]hy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. ...Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me...."

Acts 8:21-24

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The spiritually wayward are those who have sinned and stand in need of forgiveness. We must do all that we can to encourage their repentance. When they repent, we must pray for them. Let us pray for the spiritually wayward. Pray that they may have opportunity to learn and to repent. When they come home to the Lord and the church, pray for their forgiveness.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Proverbs 30:7-9)

PRAY WITH CONTENTMENT

"... [G]ive me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."

Proverbs 30:8-9

When we pray for our needs, we must do so with an attitude of contentment. There is a danger in both poverty and abundance. God has promised to meet our needs. That must be enough. Anything more should be received with humility and gratitude.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Psalm 25:4-7, 11, 18)

"... [T]hou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. ...Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.... For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. ...Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins."

Psalm 25:5, 7, 11, 18

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Galatians 5:22)

PRAY FOR GOODNESS

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

Galatians 5:22

Goodness refers to uprightness of heart, virtue, or kindness. To be good, one must know what is good and what is evil. God defines what is good and reveals it in His Word. We must choose to accept and obey His will.

God is good in His nature. He is good toward us. Everything that He does is good. All that He commands is good. Let us pray to become more like God in our character and our actions. Let us be good toward Him and toward our fellowman. Pray for goodness.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 75:1)

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare."

Psalm 75:1