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Psalm 86:1, 3

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 9

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Revelation 4:8)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS HOLINESS

"And ...they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

Revelation 4:8

God is holy. He is high and exalted above man in every way. His sinless perfection makes Him unapproachable by weak and sinful men. However, in His love and mercy, God has provided a way for us to be forgiven and to enjoy fellowship with Him. He did this on His own because of His gracious desire for our salvation.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as holy. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, understanding His holiness. Let us remember what a true privilege prayer is. Let us pray with confidence - for God has promised to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 11:22)

PRAY FOR THE LISTENING OF THE CHURCH

"Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch."

Acts 11:22

The church has ears! This means that we ought to listen. The early church continued to hear the Word of God. Yet, they also heard the needs of their brethren in other places.

Let us pray for the listening of the church - locally and worldwide. We must be faithful to hearing and following God's Word. We must be open to the needs of the brotherhood and the world around us. Let us listen and then act.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Peter 3:7)

PRAY FOR THE HOME

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

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The home stands in need of prayer. It is constantly attacked by the forces of evil. One's home life affects his spiritual life. We need strong homes that believe and follow the Word of God. Let us pray for the home. Pray that God's plan for it will be taught and followed. Pray for those homes that are facing difficult situations. Pray for the strength of each home that makes up the local congregation. Pray for your home - your spouse, children, parents, siblings.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(2 Thessalonians 3:10-13)

PRAY WITH OBEDIENCE

"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

2 Thessalonians 3:10

When we pray for our needs, we must do so with an understanding of our responsibility in meeting those needs. God provides our daily bread. However, He also expects us to work for it. We must pray with complete trust in God; yet, we must follow through with submissive obedience.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Psalm 32)

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. ...I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

Psalm 32:1, 2, 5

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Galatians 5:23)

PRAY FOR MEEKNESS

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

Galatians 5:22-23

Meekness refers to strength that is under control. It is not weakness. It is the strength of one's convictions displayed in a kind and gentle manner.

God is meek (cf. Matt. 11:29; 21:5; 2 Cor. 10:1). In spite of His tremendous power, He relates to man with kindness and mercy. Let us pray for meekness - that we will be strong but kind, unwavering but longsuffering.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 92:1-2)

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night."

Psalm 92:1-2