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Psalm102:1-2

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 11

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(1 Samuel 15:29)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS IMMUTABILITY

"And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for He is not a man, that he should repent."

1 Samuel 15:29

God is immutable - He does not change. His character remains constantly consistent. His promises are absolutely certain (cf. Heb. 6:17-18). His Word does not alter, but endures forever. He shows no respect of persons.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as immutable. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, understanding that God is always the same. Let us pray with confidence - for God's are sure. He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 11:26; 14:27; Hebrews 10:25)

PRAY FOR THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

"...And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

Acts 11:26

Early Christians assembled as the church. When travelling to another city, they assembled themselves with the church. The church is obligated to gather together for worship - and commanded to forsake not the assembling together of the congregation.

Let us pray for the assemblies of the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that Christians will understand the need and the duty of assembling. Pray that our assemblies will be pleasing to God and edifying to the church. Pray that we will not forsake the assembly of worship.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 5:5)

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

"Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day."

1 Timothy 5:5

The word 'desolate' means, "Left all alone" - thus, without another to help. Christians are to care for those who are in need. We are to be the ones who reach out to those who are desolate.

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Let us pray for the needy. Pray that their needs may be met. Pray that they may find help, comfort, and strength to endure. Pray that their situation may turn for the better. Yet, let us also be willing to do whatever we can to help.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 6:25-34)

PRAY FOR CLOTHING

"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? ...But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:30, 33

We are to pray for our clothing. Yet, we should remember that God has promised to provide for us if we seek Him first. We should pray with complete trust in God to meet our needs.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Psalm 86:5-7)

"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. ...In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me."

Psalm 86:5, 7

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(2 Peter 1:5)

PRAY FOR VIRTUE

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue...."

2 Peter 1:5

Virtue is valor, excellence, moral goodness. Here, it is the idea of moral power or energy. Christians are to demonstrate energy in the exercise of their faith. We must "show forth" the virtues of God and godliness by the way we live our lives (1 Pet. 2:9). Our faith must become vigorous action!

Let us pray for virtue. Pray that we will have strength and boldness to put our faith into action. Pray that we may show the world an example of godliness in our lives.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 97:9-12)

"For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. ...Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."

Psalm 97:9, 12