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Psalm 141:1-2

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 12

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Genesis 22:9-14)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS PROVIDENCE

“And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen (provided – ASV).”

Genesis 22:14

God works in His world through providence. This means that He provides or supplies. At times in history, He did this by miracle (Heb. 1:1). Most often, He does this through natural law (Matt. 5:45). Yet, God also works through what we call Providence. It is not miraculous nor simply natural law (cf. Gen. 50:20; Esther 4:14; Philemon 1:15).

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His providential care. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, yet also with confidence – for will hear and answer our prayers. His Providence will result in our blessing.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 11:26)

PRAY FOR THE TEACHING 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

The work of the church is teaching. We are to teach the lost. We are to teach our brethren. We are to teach our families and children. Like the early church, we are to teach “much people.”

Let us pray for the teaching of the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that Christians will understand the need and the duty of teaching the Gospel. Pray that we will seek and find opportunities. Pray that we will prepare ourselves and future generations to teach God’s Word.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(John 15:13)

PRAY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13

In this verse, Jesus was speaking to His apostles about His death upon the cross – emphasizing that they were His friends. Yet, the principle applies to other situations. First Responders willingly risk their lives in order to help, protect, and save others.

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Let us pray for our First Responders – Police Officers, Firefighters, and other law enforcement and security officers. Pray that they may have safety in their daily work. Pray for the strength of their families. Especially remember those who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Luke 11:3)

PRAY FOR FOOD

“Give us day by day our daily bread.”

Luke 11:3

By now we are beginning to see that our true needs are actually small. Food is essential to life; yet, God wants us to pray for it ‘day by day.’ Trust Him to provide, but be content with one day’s supply at a time. Let us pray for our daily food and remember to give thanks for God’s blessings.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Psalm 130)

“If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. ...for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.”

Psalm 130:3-5, 7

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(2 Peter 1:5)

PRAY FOR KNOWLEDGE

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.”

2 Peter 1:5

Knowledge includes both general intelligence and understanding. True faith is built and based upon knowledge of God’s Word (Rom. 10:17). Thus, we should pray for knowledge, but also apply ourselves to gain it – by studying the Bible.

Let us pray for knowledge. Pray that we will devote ourselves to the study of God’s Word. Pray that we may gain insight and understanding. Pray that our knowledge may increase as long as we live.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 100)

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ...Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

Psalm 100:1-2, 4-5