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1 Samuel 1:12-13

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 13

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(1 John 1:5)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LIGHT

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

1 John 1:5

God is light. He created light 3 days before He created the sun or stars. He is the only true source of spiritual light. He is the light of the world and gives light through the Gospel (John 8:12; 2 Cor. 4:4; Matt. 5:14). He is perfect light, with no trace of darkness at all. Thus, He is free from sin and cannot have fellowship with evil.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His light. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognize His perfection and our weaknesses. Yet, let us also pray with confidence – for God has forgiven our sins and will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 12:5)

PRAY FOR THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

“Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.”

Acts 12:5

The church must pray. In order to accomplish God’s will, we must involve Him in our work. Christians and congregations must focus on prayer.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that we will become a people of prayer. Pray that we will study, learn, and practice prayer. May we “pray without ceasing.”

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Romans 13:1-7)

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. ...For he is the minister of God to thee for good.”

Romans 13:1, 4

Those who serve in law enforcement and in military duties are ministers of God. God desires justice upon the earth. He allows government as a means of executing and protecting justice.

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Our military serves to protect and defend our country and our freedoms – at great risk to themselves.

Let us pray for our military. 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. Pray that there may be peace upon the earth.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 6:8, 31-34)

PRAY FOR REQUESTS

“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ...for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.”

Matthew 6:33-34

We may make our requests known to God. But, we must remember that He knows our needs. He will provide that which is best for us.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ...and will be their God, and they shall be my people. ...for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(2 Peter 1:6)

PRAY FOR PATIENCE

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

2 Peter 1:5-6

Patience is cheerful or hopeful endurance, steadfastness, or constancy. Thayer defined it as: “the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.” All Christians need patience.

Let us pray for patience. Pray without worry that God will make our lives difficult (cf. Jam. 1:5). Pray that we may endure with joy and cheer. Pray that we may remain steadfast unto the end.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 105:1-5)

“O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.”

Psalm 105:1-2