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1 Samuel 1:26-27

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

### WEEK 14

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Romans 11:33)

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##### PRAISE GOD FOR HIS WISDOM

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Romans 11:33

God is a God of all wisdom. He knows and sees all. Yet, He also acts with perfect wisdom – always doing what is right and best. He has revealed His wisdom in His creation, in His plan of redemption, and in His Word. Yet, all these things give us just a taste of the true wisdom of God. In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His wisdom. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence. Yet, let us also pray with confidence – knowing that He will hear and answer our prayers in the way that is always best.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 13:1-2)

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##### PRAY FOR THE MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

"Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, ...and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord...."

Acts 13:1-2

The church is to be filled with ministers. Though we often use this word to refer to preachers, it simply means, "Servant." All Christians are to be servants of God and of their neighbor. Some servants are more well-known (Barnabas, Saul) than others (Lucius, Manaen). However, each is important and his or her service is essential to the work of the church.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that we will be a people of service. Pray that we will embrace our role as servants and seek to do the work of God. Pray for those who serve – elders, deacons, preachers, teachers, evangelists, and every member who works in any capacity. Pray for their faith, strength, encouragement, and dedication.

#### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 2:1)

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##### PRAY FOR ALL MEN

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men."

1 Timothy 2:1

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We must remember our duty to pray for all men. Each day, pray for someone you have never prayed for (or haven't prayed for in a long time) – someone you've just met, someone you happen upon in your daily affairs (even if you don't know their name), someone you hear about on the news, those in nations that you may never visit. Let us open our eyes to the world of humanity around us and involve God in the lives of our neighbors!

#### **PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**(Matthew 6:10)**

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#### **PRAY, "THY WILL BE DONE"**

"After this manner therefore pray ye: ...Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10

When praying, God's will must always be remembered and honored. This must be kept in mind when we pray for physical needs. God will answer, but in harmony with His will.

#### **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(Luke 23:34)**

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"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Luke 23:34

#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

**(2 Peter 1:6)**

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#### **PRAY FOR GODLINESS**

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

2 Peter 1:5-6

Godliness refers to reverence, respect, or piety toward God. One who is godly is devout, striving to be like God in thought, motive, and action. Godliness is found in the revelation of the Gospel (1 Tim. 3:16; 6:3; 2 Pet. 1:3). It is something to be worked toward and pursued (1 Tim. 4:7-8; 6:11). Let us pray for godliness. Pray that we may study and learn what God would have us to do and who He would have us to be. Pray that we will labor to be more like him in every thought and deed.

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(Psalm 107:1-9)**

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"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. ...O that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

Psalm 107:1, 8-9