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1 Kings 8:28

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 15

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Isaiah 40:13-14)

PRaise GOD FOR HIS OMNISCIENCE

"Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?"

Isaiah 40:13-14

God is a God of all knowledge. He knows all. No one taught or advised Him about anything! He knows the entire universe and all of time. He knows every action and thought of every man. Yet, He still loves us and longs to answer our prayers.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His omniscience. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence. Yet, let us also pray with confidence - knowing that He knows best and will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 14:23; 20:17, 28)

PRAY FOR THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Acts 20:28

The church is to be overseen by elders. Elders were ordained in every church to tend the flock of God (14:23; 20:17). They have a tremendous responsibility - to lead, to feed, and to protect.

Let us pray for the elders of church - locally and worldwide. Pray that they may have humility to submit to God's will. Pray that they may wisdom to guide the church in the right way. Pray that they may have strength to stand for Truth and fight against evil and error.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 2:1-2)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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We must remember our duty to pray for those who have authority over us. Pray for our leaders – local, state, and national. Pray that they may be guided by the principles and teaching of Scripture. Pray that their decisions will be in harmony with God's will and word. Pray that we may be at peace and live godly lives without authoritative oppression.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Exodus 16)

PRAY FOR FOOD

"Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no."

Exodus 16:4

The provision of manna for the Israelites in the wilderness illustrates the principle of daily bread. We should be grateful for what we have received. Ask for food for the day and trust God to provide it. Do not worry for the future. When you pray, ask God to provide your daily food.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Acts 8:22)

"Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee."

Acts 8:22

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(2 Peter 1:7)

PRAY FOR KINDNESS

"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; and to godliness brotherly kindness."

2 Peter 1:5-7

The Greek word for 'brotherly kindness' is *philadelphia*. It means, "Fraternal affection, or brotherly love." "In the NT, the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren" (Thayer). Let us pray that we may learn to love and treat one another as brethren in Christ.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 116:12-19)

"What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? ...I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. ...Praise ye the LORD."

Psalm 116:12, 17, 19