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1 Kings 13:6

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 17

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS VICTORY

“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:57

God is a God of victory. He won victory over Satan, sin, and death through life, death, burial, and resurrection of His Son. That victory is offered freely to all men through the Gospel of Christ. In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His victory. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, acknowledging our dependence upon Him for victory. Yet, let us also pray with confidence – knowing that He loves us and desires our victory. Thus, He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 15:41)

PRAY FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHURCH

“And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.”

Acts 15:41

The church is to be confirmed. This word means, “To support further; to strengthen more; to render more firm or strong.” Through his preaching and teaching, Paul sought to make the churches stronger and more stable.

Let us pray for the confirmation of the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that we will study deeply God’s Word and become stronger in faith and obedience. Pray that we will know the truth, become convinced of it, and strive daily to teach it to others. Pray that we will stand for right and oppose that which is evil.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

PRAY FOR EVANGELISTS

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.”

2 Thessalonians 3:1

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We must remember our duty to pray for those who preach the Gospel. Especially, we must pray for those who evangelize in foreign lands and difficult places. There is no greater support that we could give them!

Let us pray for their safety. Pray for opportunities that they may preach and teach. Pray that they may find honest and good hearts. Pray for Robert Martin and Joey Treat and their families. Pray for their area of work – the Pacific Islands. Pray for good success and the salvation of souls.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(1 Timothy 6:6-8)

PRAY WITH CONTENTMENT

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”

1 Timothy 6:6-8

As we pray for physical needs, we must learn contentment. We must learn the difference between needs and wants (necessities and luxuries). Learn to be thankful for and content with what God has given. Learn to use our abundance to help others.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Acts 26:18)

“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

Acts 26:18

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 9:8)

PRAY FOR WORK

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

The Christian life is one of labor and work. We should pray for the proper attitudes and motivations that will cause us to do that which the Lord has asked of us. Pray that we will not be just hearers of the word, but doers of the work – abounding in every good work.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 118:28-29)

“Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.”

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