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A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 18

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Deuteronomy 7:8)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS

“But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

Deuteronomy 7:8

God is a God of faithfulness. He is always true to His word. He always keeps His promises. The deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage was God fulfilling His promise to Abraham.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His faithfulness. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, understanding all that He has done to fulfill His promise of a Savior. Yet, let us also pray with confidence – knowing that He will keep His promise to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Acts 16:5)

PRAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

“And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.”

Acts 16:5

The church is to be established. This word means, “To make strong; to solidify; to confirm.” It is used twice in the account of the lame man’s miraculous healing (Acts 3:7, 16). His bones “received strength” and he was “made strong.” By preaching the Gospel, Paul made the church stronger.

Let us pray for the establishment of the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that we will study and learn God’s Word that we may be stronger. Pray that we will use that strength to obey God’s commands and do the work He desires of His church.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(James 5:13-15)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

“Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. ...Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

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We can pray for ourselves when we are sick. Yet, we also have the privilege of praying for others in their time of sickness. Prayer and treatment both have a role in the healing of the sick. Let us not forget our duty to pray.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick. Let us pray with faith, yet with submission to the will of God. Let us remember that spiritual sickness is far worse than physical illness. Remember the sick in your prayers. *(See the Prayer List and weekly bulletin for those in need of prayer.)*

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 7:7; 21:22)

PRAY FOR REQUESTS

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you... And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”

Matthew 7:7; 21:22

Though the age of miracles has ended, God’s promise to answer prayer has not. God wants us to pray for the necessities of life. Yet, He also allows us to make our requests known to Him. God wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives. We included Him by praying. Pray with contentment and submission to His will, and let your requests be made known.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Romans 4:1-8)

“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.”

Romans 4:6-8

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Luke 22:32)

PRAY FOR FAITH

“But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”

Luke 22:32

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). To grow in faith requires effort in study and exercise of our faith. Yet, prayer is to be involved as well. Just as Jesus prayed for Peter’s faith, so we should pray for faith – for ourselves and others. Let us all pray for greater faith!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 119:62)

“At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.”

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