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2 Chronicles 30:27

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 20

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Nahum 1:3)

PRaise GOD FOR HIS PATIENCE

"The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and in the clouds are the dust of his feet."

Nahum 1:3

God is a God of patience. All should be thankful that He is "slow to anger." God allows us time to learn the error of our ways and to repent and seek forgiveness. However, He is great in power and - one day - will punish the wicked.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His patience. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing how much we need his patience and mercy. Yet, let us also pray with boldness; for, even though we sin, God will forgive and continue to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Romans 16:4)

PRAY FOR THE GRATITUDE OF THE CHURCH

"Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles."

Romans 16:3-4

The church is to be filled with gratitude. Of course, we are to be thankful to God. But, Christians should also be grateful for one another. When one stands for the Truth, teaches the lost, does the work of the church, remains faithful during tests and trials, or serves God in any way, all other Christians should give thanks!

Let us pray for the church - locally and worldwide. Give thanks for faithful brethren. Pray that we all may learn to be more grateful for one another. Pray for opportunities to show your brethren that you are thankful for them.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Thessalonians 5:14; Romans 15:1)

PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY WEAK

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

Romans 15:1

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The spiritually weak are those without strength. Perhaps they are new converts who are just beginning to grow. Maybe they are those facing difficult trials that hinder their growth. It could be one who is coming out of error and struggling with preconceived ideas. It is anyone who is in need of spiritual strength.

Let us pray for the spiritually weak. Pray that they may have opportunity to learn and to grow. Pray that they may have determination and devotion to keep fighting. Pray that they may be strengthened in faith and knowledge. Pray that we may encourage and help those who are weak.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Psalm 33:18-19; 34:10)

PRAY FOR FOOD

"Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine."

Psalm 33:18-19

We must pray for our food – our daily bread. Yet, we must remember that God already knows of our need. And, we must trust His promise to provide. If we seek Him first, we will not lack.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Colossians 1:12-14)

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1:13-14

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Colossians 1:23; Hebrews 3:6)

PRAY FOR HOPE

"If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven, whereof I Paul am made a minister..."

Colossians 1:23

God desires that we abound in hope. Hope is both a desire and an expectation for eternal salvation in Heaven. Often we have the desire, but are unsure about the expectation. We need to pray for greater hope! Learn to trust in God and His promises. Allow hope to help us endure the tests and trials of life.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Isaiah 12)

"And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. ...Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth."

Isaiah 12:1, 5