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2 Chronicles 32:20

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 21

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Isaiah 44:24; Jeremiah 32:17)

PRaise GOD FOR HIS OMNIPOTENCE

“Ah Lord GOD! Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.”

Jeremiah 32:17

God is a God of omnipotence. This means that He is all-powerful. He has the strength to create the universe from nothing and the power to destroy it all at the end of time. And, He does it all by Himself – He needs no help from any other. There is nothing too difficult for Him!

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His omnipotence. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing how small and weak we are in comparison to Him. Let us pray with complete dependence upon Him. Yet, let us also pray with boldness; for, God has the power to keep His promise to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Romans 16:5, 16, 23)

PRAY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH

“Likewise greet the church that is in their house. ...Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.”

Romans 16:5a, 16

Greetings seem like such a simple thing, but they are a sign of fellowship. The Greek word for “greet” or “salute” means, “To welcome, to embrace; to enfold in the arms; to draw to one’s self.” The word for “kiss” comes from the root *phileo* – meaning, “To love; to treat affectionately; to be a friend to; to show brotherly love.” What a beautiful picture of fellowship in Christ!

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that we may learn to understand truly and fully the concept of fellowship. Pray that our love and affection for one another will grow. Pray that our desire for others to share in this holy fellowship will motivate our teaching.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Acts 8:21-24)

PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY WAYWARD

“... [T]hy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. ...Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me....”

Acts 8:21-24

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The spiritually wayward are those who have sinned and stand in need of forgiveness. We must do all that we can to encourage their repentance. When they repent, we must pray for them. Let us pray for the spiritually wayward. Pray that they may have opportunity to learn and to repent. When they come home to the Lord and the church, pray for their forgiveness.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Proverbs 30:7-9)

PRAY WITH CONTENTMENT

“... [G]ive me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.”

Proverbs 30:8-9

When we pray for our needs, we must do so with an attitude of contentment. There is a danger in both poverty and abundance. God has promised to meet our needs. That must be enough. Anything more should be received with humility and gratitude.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Colossians 2:10-15)

“Buried with him in baptism, wherein ye are also risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins..., hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.”

Colossians 2:12-13

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(John 15:11; Philippians 1:25)

PRAY FOR JOY

“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

John 15:11

Joy comes from knowing that all is right with one’s soul – even when things are difficult in one’s life. We must learn to have joy when times are good or bad, happy or sad. The forgiveness of sins and the hope of Heaven gives joy no matter the circumstances of life. Pray for greater joy.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Isaiah 51:3-6)

“For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.”

Isaiah 51:3