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Nehemiah 1:11

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 23

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 145:17)

PRaise GOD FOR HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

"The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works."

Psalm 145:17

God is a God of righteousness. Everything that He does is always right. He is righteous by his very nature. He never makes a mistake nor does anything that is wrong.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His righteousness. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing our faults and failures. Let us pray with boldness; for, God will do right when He hears and answers our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(1 Corinthians 4:17; 7:17)

PRAY FOR THE SOUNDNESS OF THE CHURCH

"For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church. ...And so ordain I in all churches."

1 Corinthians 4:17; 7:17b

Paul taught the same thing in every church. There is only one Gospel of Christ – and it is the authority for all congregations. Soundness in doctrine means that all must believe, practice, and teach the same Truth – revealed in Scripture.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will strive for soundness in doctrine. May true unity exist throughout the brotherhood as we all love and follow the simple teaching of the New Testament.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Psalm 71:18)

PRAY FOR THE AGED

"Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come."

Psalm 71:18

The Bible places an emphasis on respecting, listening to, and caring for those who are growing older. Their years of experience, service, and sacrifice produce wisdom that should be treasured. The challenges they face are worthy of our prayers.

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Let us pray for the aged. Pray that they may have strength and opportunity to continue to serve God. Pray that they may have health and ability to work in the kingdom. Pray that their faithful example may endure.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 4:4; John 4:31-34; 6:35)

PRAY FOR FOOD

“But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. ...My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.”

John 4:32, 34

We are to pray for our daily bread. However, we must remember that we stand in greater need of spiritual food. As we pray for and consume our food each day, let us make sure that we nourish our spirits with the Word of God.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Matthew 1:20-23)

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins... and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Matthew 1:21, 23b

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Ephesians 4:1-3; Colossians 1:11; 3:12)

PRAY FOR LONGSUFFERING

“...[W]alk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love....”

Ephesians 4:1-2

Longsuffering is patience and forbearance. God is longsuffering toward man and his sins. He is patient and grants new opportunities for repentance and growth. We must learn to be patient toward others. Pray to be more longsuffering.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Daniel 2:20-23)

“...Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.”

Daniel 2:20-23