

"...[P]ray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."
Matthew 6:6

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 28

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 33:13-14)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS OMNIPRESENCE

"The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth."

Psalm 33:13-14

God is an omnipresent God. He is not limited by space or time. He is able to see and to know all that happens throughout His creation. He is able to be with every person at any time. He is able to hear and to answer every prayer.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His omnipresence. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing His great knowledge of us. Yet, let us pray with boldness; for, God is able to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(2 Corinthians 8:1)

PRAY FOR THE GRACE OF THE CHURCH

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia."

2 Corinthians 8:1

God is a God of grace. He wants the church to know of the grace that He bestows. The churches in Macedonia had faced great affliction and poverty. Yet, because of God's grace, they were able to find joy and to become benevolent toward others. Thus, God's grace upon them was multiplied.

Let us pray for the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will understand and appreciate the grace of God. Pray that it will motivate us to become grateful toward God and gracious toward others.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 2:1-2)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

We must remember our duty to pray for those who have authority over us. Pray for our leaders - local, state, and national. Pray that they may be guided by the principles and teaching of

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Scripture. Pray that their decisions will be in harmony with God's will and word. Pray that we may be at peace and live godly lives without authoritative oppression.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 6:11; Exodus 16)

PRAY FOR FOOD

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Matthew 6:11

The provision of manna for the Israelites in the wilderness illustrates the principle of daily bread. We should be grateful for what we have received. Ask for food for the day and trust God to provide it. Do not worry for the future. When you pray, ask God to provide your daily food.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(John 1:29)

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

John 1:29

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Philippians 4:8)

PRAY FOR VIRTUE

"...[I]f there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Philippians 4:8

Virtue is valor, excellence, moral goodness. Here, it is the idea of moral power or energy. Christians are to demonstrate energy in the exercise of their faith. We must "show forth" the virtues of God and godliness by the way we live our lives (1 Pet. 2:9). Our faith must become vigorous action!

Let us pray for virtue. Pray that we will have strength and boldness to put our faith into action. Pray that we may show the world an example of godliness in our lives.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Mat. 26:27; Mark 14:23; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:24)

"And he took the bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

Luke 22:19-20