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Matthew 14:23

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 29

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 103:11-12)

PRaise GOD FOR HIS IMMEASURABILITY

“For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

Psalm 103:11-12

God is an Immeasurable God. He is greater than any means man has to measure anything – length, height, distance, time, or glory. Because He is so great, His mercy and forgiveness are just as vast. Likewise, His power and desire to hear and answer prayer is without measure. In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His immeasurability. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing His greatness. Yet, let us pray with boldness; for, God is able to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(2 Corinthians 8:18-19)

PRAY FOR THE CHOICE OF THE CHURCH

“And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace....”

2 Corinthians 8:18-19a

All congregations must make choices. The work and worship of the church require choices to be made in the realm of expediency. To make the best choices, we need knowledge, wisdom, and faith.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will choose according to God’s standard. Pray that we may have the faith and the wisdom to make choices that will help – and never hurt – the Lord’s church.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28)

PRAY FOR ENEMIES

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44

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We must remember our duty to pray for those who oppose us. We must desire good for all men – even those who hate and harm us. Pray for our enemies to become friends by obeying the Gospel of Christ.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(1 Timothy 6:8)

PRAY FOR CLOTHING

“And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”

1 Timothy 6:8

Of the many things that we call necessities, God instructs us to pray for two – food and clothing. The clothes we wear are often taken for granted because they are so easily and abundantly available. Yet, we must be grateful and – just as we ask for food – we should ask God to supply us with suitable clothing. We should also remember those who are in need and give to them.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(John 3:14-17)

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

John 3:14-17

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Acts 24:22; Romans 1:28)

PRAY FOR KNOWLEDGE

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.”

Romans 1:28

Knowledge includes both general intelligence and understanding. True faith is built and based upon knowledge of God’s Word (Rom. 10:17). Thus, we should pray for knowledge, but also apply ourselves to gain it – by studying the Bible.

Let us pray for knowledge. Pray that we will devote ourselves to the study of God’s Word. Pray that we may gain insight and understanding. Pray that our knowledge may increase as long as we live.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Luke 2:36-38)

“And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.”

Luke 2:38