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Matthew 21:13

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 30

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 46:1)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS REFUGE

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1

God is a God of refuge. The word for ‘refuge’ refers to a shelter, a place of trust and hope. Israel was safe because God was her protector. He is the source of safety, strength and help. One who belongs to Him has nothing to fear.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His refuge. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing our need for His provision and protection. Yet, let us pray with boldness; for, God protects us by hearing and answering our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(2 Corinthians 11:8; Philippians 4:15)

PRAY FOR THE GENEROSITY OF THE CHURCH

“I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.”

2 Corinthians 11:8

“Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel ...no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.”

Philippians 4:15

In order for Paul to labor in Corinth, he had to be supported by other congregations. Without the generosity of the church, Paul may not have been able to work as he did throughout the world. In order for the work of the church to be done, the church must be generous in its giving to support that work.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will be generous and giving, especially toward the preaching of the Gospel. Pray that those who are willing to go will find support from generous congregations.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

PRAY FOR EVANGELISTS

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.”

2 Thessalonians 3:1

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Matthew 21:13

We must remember our duty to pray for those who preach the Gospel. Especially, we must pray for those who evangelize in foreign lands and difficult places. There is no greater support that we could give them!

Let us pray for their safety. Pray for opportunities that they may preach and teach. Pray that they may find honest and good hearts. Pray for Robert Martin and Joey Treat and their families. Pray for their area of work – the Pacific Islands. Pray for good success and the salvation of souls.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(1 Timothy 6:6-8)

PRAY WITH CONTENTMENT

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”

1 Timothy 6:6-8

As we pray for physical needs, we must learn contentment. We must learn the difference between need and wants (necessities and luxuries). Learn to be thankful for and content with what God has given. Learn to use our abundance to help others.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(John 8:30-36)

“Then Jesus said to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ...Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

John 8:31-32, 34, 36

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Luke 21:19; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; 3:5; James 1:4)

PRAY FOR PATIENCE

“In your patience possess ye your souls.”

Luke 21:19

Patience is cheerful or hopeful endurance, steadfastness, or constancy. Thayer defined it as: “the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.” All Christians need patience.

Let us pray for patience. Pray without worry that God will make our lives difficult (cf. Jam. 1:5). Pray that we may endure with joy and cheer. Pray that we may remain steadfast unto the end.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Luke 17:11-19)

“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks....” Luke 17:15-16