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Matthew 21:22

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 31

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Isaiah 47:4)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS REDEMPTION

"As for our redeemer, the LORD of Hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel."

Isaiah 47:4

God is a God of redemption. The word for 'redeem' refers to one who pays a price to purchase another who has been sold into bondage. When man was lost in sin, God paid the ultimate price to purchase his freedom and salvation.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His redemption. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing our need for His salvation. Yet, let us pray with boldness; for, God longs to redeem us – and He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(2 Corinthians 11:28)

PRAY FOR THE CARE OF THE CHURCH

"Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."

2 Corinthians 11:28

The word for 'care' is the same word Jesus used to refer to cares of this world or life (Matt. 13:22; Mk. 4:19; Lk. 8:14). At its root, it refers to the separate parts – the little differences, disunities, or anxieties – that can distract from the true purpose of life. It is these cares that we are to cast upon the Lord (1 Pet. 5:7). Likewise, the church must learn to deal correctly with its 'cares' so it can focus on its true purpose – the saving of souls.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will learn to care more for the spiritual than the physical, more for lost souls than lost dollars. Pray that we may cast our cares upon the Lord and focus our labor on the salvation of souls.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(James 5:13-15)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. ...Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

James 5:13-15

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We can pray for ourselves when we are sick. Yet, we also have the privilege of praying for others in their time of sickness. Prayer and treatment both have a role in the healing of the sick. Let us not forget our duty to pray.

Let us pray for the healing of the sick. Let us pray with faith, yet with submission to the will of God. Let us remember that spiritual sickness is far worse than physical illness. Remember the sick in your prayers. *(See the Prayer List and weekly bulletin for those in need of prayer.)*

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(John 15:7, 16)

PRAY FOR REQUESTS

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ...[T]hat whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

John 15:7, 16b

God wants us to pray for the necessities of life. Yet, He also allows us to make our requests known to Him. God wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives. We included Him by praying. Pray with contentment and submission to His will, and let your requests be made known.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(John 10:9-11)

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

John 10:9-11

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(1 Timothy 4:7-8; 6:6, 11)

PRAY FOR GODLINESS

"[E]xercise thyself rather unto godliness. ...[G]odliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. ...But godliness with contentment is great gain."

1 Timothy 4:7-8; 6:6

Godliness refers to reverence, respect, or piety toward God. One who is godly is devout, striving to be like God in thought, motive, and action. Godliness is found in the revelation of the Gospel (1 Tim. 3:16; 6:3; 2 Pet. 1:3). It is something to be worked toward and pursued (1 Tim. 4:7-8; 6:11). Let us pray for godliness. Pray that we may study and learn what God would have us to do and who He would have us to be. Pray that we will labor to be more like him in every thought and deed.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(John 11:37-45)

"And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always...."

John 11:41-42a