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Matthew 26:41

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

### WEEK 32

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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#### PRaise GOD FOR HIS REVELATION

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

God is a God of revelation. The phrase 'by inspiration of God' actually means, "God breathed." God reveals His power and majesty in the creation. But, He reveals His nature and, especially, His love in scripture. Imagine there was no Bible and we were left groping blindly to try to understand God! We should be thankful for God's revelation.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His revelation. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing our need for His revealed word. Let us pray in harmony with His word. Yet, let us pray with boldness; for, God has revealed Himself as one who will hear and answer our prayers.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:24)

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#### PRAY FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE CHURCH

"Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."

Ephesians 5:24

Jesus is the head of the church (which is His body). Thus, the church is subject unto Christ. This means that Christians submit their lives - body and mind - to the authority and control of the Lord. A church that is not in submission to Christ is not the church of Christ!

Let us pray for the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will be submissive to the rule and reign of Jesus. Pray that all we do in word or deed will be in the name of the Lord. Thus, the church will be a light shining forth in a world of darkness.

#### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

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#### PRAY FOR THE GRIEVING

"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

1 Corinthians 12:26

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Matthew 26:41

When a brother or sister suffers, the church should show their love and support. The loss of a loved one causes a difficult time of grief and suffering. We may not know what to say, but we can always pray.

Let us pray for the comfort of the grieving. Pray that they may find comfort from God and the truth of His Word. Pray that they may grow closer to the Lord and not allow grief to cause them to drift away from Him. Pray that faith and time may help their hurt heal.

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#### **PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**(Matthew 6:7-8)**

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##### **PRAY WITH TRUST**

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”

Matthew 6:7-8

When we pray, we must remember that God already knows our needs. Thus, we can pray with trust and confidence that He will answer with what is best for us. Let us learn to pray with complete trust in God.

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#### **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(John 11:25-27)**

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“Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”

John 11:25-26

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#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

**(Colossians 3:12-14)**

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##### **PRAY FOR KINDNESS**

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, ...Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, ...even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”

Colossians 3:12-13

The Greek word for ‘brotherly kindness’ is *philadelphia*. It means, “Fraternal affection, or brotherly love.” “In the NT, the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren” (Thayer). Let us pray that we may learn to love and treat one another as brethren in Christ.

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#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(Acts 27:33-37)**

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“And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat. Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat.”

Acts 27:35-36