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Matthew 26:53

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 33

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Judges 6:16-24)

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#### PRAISE GOD FOR HIS PEACE

"And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom...."

Judges 6:23-24

God is a God of peace. Jehovah-shalom means, "God is peace." When there is peace between man and God, there is no need to fear. When there is peace, there is the assurance of answered prayer. God made this peace possible by giving the sacrifice of His Son upon the cross.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His peace. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing Him as the source of true peace. Yet, let us pray with boldness; for, God has made peace with us so He may hear and answer our prayers.

### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Ephesians 3:10-11)

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#### PRAY FOR THE EXAMPLE OF THE CHURCH

"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God...."

Ephesians 3:10

The church reveals the wisdom of God – even to the angels who inhabit the spiritual realm. When they look at the church, they see the wisdom, knowledge, and power of God. However, this is true only when the church lives and functions in harmony with the plan and will of God.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will strive for obedience to the Word of God. Pray that we may recognize our duty to show to the world the wisdom of God in establishing the church. Pray that we may never reflect poorly upon Him.

### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Thessalonians 5:14; Romans 15:1)

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#### PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY WEAK

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."

1 Thessalonians 5:14

The spiritually weak are those without strength. Perhaps they are new converts who are just beginning to grow. Maybe they are those facing difficult trials that hinder their growth. It could

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be one who is coming out of error and struggling with preconceived ideas. It is anyone who is in need of spiritual strength.

Let us pray for the spiritually weak. Pray that they may have opportunity to learn and to grow. Pray that they may have determination and devotion to keep fighting. Pray that they may be strengthened in faith and knowledge. Pray that we may encourage and help those who are weak.

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

**(Psalm 33:18-19; 34:10)**

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##### **PRAY FOR FOOD**

"The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing."

Psalm 34:10

We must pray for our food – our daily bread. Yet, we must remember that God already knows of our need. And, we must trust His promise to provide. If we seek Him first, we will not lack.

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#### **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(Acts 2:36-40)**

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"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 2:37-38

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

**(1 Peter 5:5-6; Philippians 2:2-3)**

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##### **PRAY FOR HUMILITY**

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

1 Peter 5:5-6

Humility is lowliness, modesty, or "a deep sense of one's littleness" (Thayer). Humility is the opposite of pride. Humility causes us to realize our dependence upon God. Humility helps us seek what is best for the church, our brethren, and our neighbor – rather than what we desire for ourselves. Pray that we may be humble in our service to God and to others.

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#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(Acts 28:15)**

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"And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The Three Taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage."

Acts 28:15