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Luke 11:1

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 34

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Matthew 5:45)

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#### PRaise GOD FOR HIS GENEROSITY

"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Matthew 5:45

God is a generous God. He blesses all of Creation and all of humanity. He gives good gifts, even to those who despise and disobey Him. He gave the greatest gift of all – His only-begotten Son – for the salvation of mankind. Yet, in spite of all that He has done, He still generously hears our prayers.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His generosity. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing just how much He has given for us. Yet, let us pray with boldness; for, God has generously promised to hear and answer our prayers.

### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Ephesians 3:21)

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#### PRAY FOR THE WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."

Ephesians 3:21

The church is the place where God is glorified. It is both a privilege and responsibility to be allowed to offer worship unto God. It is in the church (the body, not the building) that this worship is acceptable and God is glorified. The church must worship in spirit and in truth.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will strive to worship God faithfully and in harmony with His will. Pray that we will take seriously the worship assembly. Pray that we will always seek to glorify God in all that we do.

### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Acts 8:21-24)

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#### PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY WAYWARD

"... [T]hy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. ...Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me...."

Acts 8:21-24

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The spiritually wayward are those who have sinned and stand in need of forgiveness. We must do all that we can to encourage their repentance. When they repent, we must pray for them. Let us pray for the spiritually wayward. Pray that they may have opportunity to learn and to repent. When they come home to the Lord and the church, pray for their forgiveness.

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

**(Proverbs 30:7-9)**

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##### **PRAY WITH CONTENTMENT**

"... [G]ive me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."

Proverbs 30:8-9

When we pray for our needs, we must do so with an attitude of contentment. There is a danger in both poverty and abundance. God has promised to meet our needs. That must be enough. Anything more should be received with humility and gratitude.

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#### **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(Acts 3:18-21)**

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"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord...."

Acts 3:19

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

**(1 Thes. 4:1; Galatians 6:9-10; Colossians 4:3)**

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##### **PRAY FOR WORK**

"And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:9-10

The Christian life is one of labor and work. We should pray for the proper attitudes and motivations that will cause us to do that which the Lord has asked of us. Pray that we will not be just hearers of the word, but doers of the work – abounding in every good work.

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#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(Romans 1:8-10; 1 Corinthians 1:4)**

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"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."

Romans 1:8