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Luke 18:1

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

### WEEK 35

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 113:4-5)

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#### PRAISE GOD FOR HIS TRANSCENDENCE

"The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high!"

Psalm 113:4-5

God is a transcendent God. This means that He exists independent of and superior to all else. Nothing created God; nothing upholds God (cf. Heb. 1:3). This is why it is impossible to represent God with an image of anything in the material universe (Exo. 20:4-5). This is why God must reveal Himself to man and provide a way for man to approach Him.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His transcendence. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that He is far above us. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for the transcendent God has promised to hear and answer our prayers.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Ephesians 5:23)

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#### PRAY FOR THE SALVATION OF THE CHURCH

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Savior of the body."

Ephesians 5:23

The church – the body of Christ – is the place of the saved (cf. Acts 2:38, 41, 47). Jesus is the Savior of the church. Thus, the church must remain faithful, submissive, and obedient to the will of the Lord. She must watch and pray, anticipating the Lord's return and her ultimate salvation.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will strive for faithfulness to the Word of God. Pray that we will take the message of salvation to the world. Pray that we will be ready for the Lord's return.

#### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Peter 3:7)

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#### PRAY FOR THE HOME

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

1 Peter 3:7

The home stands in need of prayer. It is constantly attacked by the forces of evil. One's home life affects his spiritual life. We need strong homes that believe and follow the Word of God.

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Let us pray for the home. Pray that God’s plan for it will be taught and followed. Pray for those homes that are facing difficult situations. Pray for the strength of each home that makes up the local congregation. Pray for your home – your spouse, children, parents, siblings.

**PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**(2 Thessalonians 3:10-13)**

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**PRAY WITH OBEDIENCE**

“For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.”

2 Thessalonians 3:10

When we pray for our needs, we must do so with an understanding of our responsibility in meeting those needs. God provides our daily bread. However, He also expects us to work for it. We must pray with complete trust in God; yet, we must follow through with submissive obedience.

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(Acts 4:8-12)**

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“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Acts 4:10-12

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

**(1 Thessalonians 5:8)**

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**PRAY FOR FAITH**

“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love....”

1 Thessalonians 5:8

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). To grow in faith requires effort in study and exercise of our faith. Yet, prayer is to be involved as well. Just as the apostles, we should ask the Lord to increase our faith. Let us all pray for greater faith!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(Romans 14:4-8; 1 Corinthians 10:30-31)**

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“For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:30-31