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Acts 1:14

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 36

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 107:8; 139:14; 145:4, 10)

PRaise GOD FOR HIS WORKS

"Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

Psalm 107:8

God is a God of good works. From the Creation of the world, God has worked on behalf of man. Everything He created and all that He provides is good. When man sinned, God worked to provide salvation – even at the cost of His only-begotten Son. He continues to work in hearing and answering our prayers.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His works. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that we need His help. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for He has promised to hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Ephesians 5:25-27)

PRAY FOR THE PURITY OF THE CHURCH

"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Ephesians 5:27

The church is purchased with the blood of Jesus (cf. Acts 20:28). He gave His life that souls might be cleansed from sin. Every soul that is washed by His blood is added to His body, the church. Thus, the church must be pure.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will strive for purity in doctrine, in worship, and in daily living. Pray that we may be humble and penitent when we stumble and sin. Pray that we may cherish purity.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Psalm 71:18)

PRAY FOR THE AGED

"Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come."

Psalm 71:18

The Bible places an emphasis on respecting, listening to, and caring for those who are growing older. Their years of experience, service, and sacrifice produce wisdom that should be treasured. The challenges they face are worthy of our prayers.

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Let us pray for the aged. Pray that they may have strength and opportunity to continue to serve God. Pray that they may have health and ability to work in the kingdom. Pray that their faithful example may endure.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 4:4; John 4:31-34; 6:35)

PRAY FOR FOOD

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

John 4:34

We are to pray for our daily bread. However, we must remember that we stand in greater need of spiritual food. As we pray for and consume our food each day, let us make sure that we nourish our spirits with the Word of God.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Acts 5:27-32)

"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."

Acts 5:29-31

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(1 Thessalonians 3:12; 2 Thes. 1:3; 1 John 4:17)

PRAY FOR LOVE

"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love toward one another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you...."

1 Thessalonians 3:12

We must learn to love God above all else. Yet, we must also grow in our love for our brethren and for all men. Thus, we must also pray for our love to grow. Let us all pray for greater love!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(1 Corinthians 15:55-58)

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:55-57