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Acts 2:42

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 37

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### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 1:18)

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#### PRAISE GOD FOR HIS WRATH

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.”

Romans 1:18

God is a God of wrath. Yet, His wrath is an expression of His perfect holiness and justice. God’s wrath is only against that which is ungodly or unrighteous – that which violates His perfect nature and standard of right. Though men do not like to think about it, God has a righteous anger and judgment against sin.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His wrath. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that without His mercy we would face His wrath. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for His grace has forgiven our sins and allowed Him to hear and answer our prayers.

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### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Ephesians 5:29)

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#### PRAY FOR THE NOURISHING OF THE CHURCH

“For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.”

Ephesians 5:29

The Lord nourishes the church. This is accomplished primarily by means of His Word (cf. John 6:47-69; 17:17; Acts 20:32). Thus, the church must continually grow in knowledge of God’s Word. We must nourish our souls just as we take in nourishment for our bodies.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will strive for greater knowledge of the Bible. Pray that we may be strong, living, and active congregations that are busy doing the work and teaching the Word of God (cf. 1 Cor. 11:30; Rev. 3:1).

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### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 5:5)

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#### PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

“Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.”

1 Timothy 5:5

The word ‘desolate’ means, “Left all alone” – thus, without another to help. Christians are to care for those who are in need. We are to be the ones who reach out to those who are desolate.

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Let us pray for the needy. Pray that their needs may be met. Pray that they may find help, comfort, and strength to endure. Pray that their situation may turn for the better. Yet, let us also be willing to do whatever we can to help.

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**PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**(Matthew 6:25-34)**

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**PRAY FOR CLOTHING**

“Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? ...But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6:30, 33

We are to pray for our clothing. Yet, we should remember that God has promised to provide for us if we seek Him first. We should pray with complete trust in God to meet our needs.

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**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(Isaiah 44:22)**

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“I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.”

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**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

**(1 Thessalonians 5:8; 1 Peter 1:3; 3:15)**

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**PRAY FOR HOPE**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Peter 1:3

God desires that we abound in hope. Hope is both a desire and an expectation for eternal salvation in Heaven. Often we have the desire, but are unsure about the expectation. We need to pray for greater hope! Learn to trust in God and His promises. Allow hope to help us endure the tests and trials of life.

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(2 Corinthians 1:8-11)**

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“Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.”

2 Corinthians 1:11