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Acts 10:4*

A YEAR OF PRAYER WEEK 38

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 119:7, 164, 171)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LAW

"Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments."

Psalm 119:164

God is a God of law. His law reveals what is right and what is wrong. Thus, God's law allows man to know if he is lost or saved. Furthermore, when one learns that he is lost, he can also learn how to find forgiveness and salvation. Also, the law of God teaches how to live a virtuous and godly life.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His law. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that His law gives us knowledge of salvation. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for His law teaches us how to pray and promises us that He will hear and answer.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Colossians 4:16)

PRAY FOR THE STUDY OF THE CHURCH

"And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea."

Colossians 4:16

The church has a responsibility to read the Bible. The study of God's Word is essential to faithful Christian living. Preachers, teachers, and elders must remain true to the Scripture; thus, they need to spend much time in study. Notice that God's Word applies to every congregation equally. Let us pray for the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will be diligent in studying the Bible. Pray that it will be taught from the pulpit and in the Bible classes. Pray for faithful attendance so that God's Word can be learned. Pray that we ever grow in knowledge of the Scripture.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(John 15:13)

PRAY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13

In this verse, Jesus was speaking to His apostles about His death upon the cross - emphasizing that they were His friends. Yet, the principle applies to other situations. First Responders willingly risk their lives in order to help, protect, and save others.

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Let us pray for our First Responders – Police Officers, Firefighters, and other law enforcement and security officers. Pray that they may have safety in their daily work. Pray for the strength of their families. Especially remember those who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Luke 11:3)

PRAY FOR FOOD

"Give us day by day our daily bread."

Luke 11:3

Our true needs are actually small. Food is essential to life; yet, God wants us to pray for it 'day by day.' Trust Him to provide, but be content with one day's supply at a time. Let us pray for our daily food and remember to give thanks for God's blessings.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Acts 22:16)

"And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Acts 22:16

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(2 Corinthians 8:2; 1 Peter 1:8; 4:13)

PRAY FOR JOY

"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

1 Peter 4:13

Joy comes from knowing that all is right with one's soul – even when things are difficult in one's life. We must learn to have joy when times are good or bad, happy or sad. The forgiveness of sins and the hope of Heaven gives joy no matter the circumstances of life. Pray for greater joy.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(2 Corinthians 2:14)

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place."

2 Corinthians 2:14