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Acts 12:5

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 39

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 22:4-5; Hebrews 13:8)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS TRUSTWORTHINESS

“Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.”

Psalm 22:4-5

God is trustworthy. His nature and character do not change. Therefore, His Word is true and His promises are guaranteed. He can be trusted completely – without fear or doubt.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His trustworthiness. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that He has given us the Truth. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for His promise is certain – He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(1 Thessalonians 2:14)

PRAY FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

“For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews.”

1 Thessalonians 2:14

The church is to be an example to the world and to other Christians. The church in Thessalonica learned from and followed the example of the congregations in Judea. Every church should set an example for all other congregations.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will seek to be faithful to the Lord that they may encourage all others. Pray that we will consider our example to our brethren. Pray that the church may be a light in a world of darkness.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Romans 13:1-7)

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. ...For he is the minister of God to thee for good.”

Romans 13:1, 4

Those who serve in law enforcement and in military duties are ministers of God. God desires justice upon the earth. He allows government as a means of executing and protecting justice.

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Our military serves to protect and defend our country and our freedoms – at great risk to themselves.

Let us pray for our military. 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. Pray that there may be peace upon the earth.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Isaiah 65:24; Daniel 9:20-21)

PRAY FOR REQUESTS

“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

Isaiah 65:24

We may make our requests known to God. But, we must remember that He knows our needs. He will provide that which is best for us.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Romans 3:23-26)

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.”

Romans 3:23-25

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(2 Corinthians 13:11; Col. 3:15; 2 Peter 1:2)

PRAY FOR PEACE

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”

Colossians 3:15

Peace comes from knowing that one is forgiven of sins – at peace with God. Only then can we be at peace with ourselves and make peace with others. Pray for deeper grasp of the peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7). Pray for freedom from anxiety due to the peaceful assurance that God is in control and all is well with your soul.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(2 Corinthians 4:15-18)

“For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.”

2 Corinthians 4:15