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## A YEAR OF PRAYER

### WEEK 41

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 118:21; Romans 5:8-11; Isaiah 60:8)

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#### PRaise GOD FOR HIS ATONEMENT

"I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation."

Psalm 118:21

God is an atoning God. This means that not only does He desire man's salvation, but He also provides the means by which man can be saved. God gave His Son to pay the price that satisfied His justice toward sin. By the blood of Jesus, men can find forgiveness and avoid the punishment for sin.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His atonement. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that without His sacrifice we would be without hope. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for His atonement assures us that He will hear and answer our prayers.

#### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 3:5)

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#### PRAY FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE CHURCH

"For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?"

1 Timothy 3:5

God has given specific qualifications that must be met by those who would shepherd the church of God as elders. This emphasizes God's desire for the church to be guided in the right way. Elders enjoy a great privilege, but also bear a heavy burden of responsibility.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will be led by men who are faithful to the Lord. Pray for the elders of the local church and for all elders throughout the brotherhood. As members, let us pray for submissive and supportive hearts.

#### PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 2:1-2)

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#### PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

We must remember our duty to pray for those who have authority over us. Pray for our leaders – local, state, and national. Pray that they may be guided by the principles and teaching of

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Scripture. Pray that their decisions will be in harmony with God's will and word. Pray that we may be at peace and live godly lives without authoritative oppression.

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#### **PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**(Exodus 16)**

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##### **PRAY FOR FOOD**

"Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no."

Exodus 16:4

The provision of manna for the Israelites in the wilderness illustrates the principle of daily bread. We should be grateful for what we have received. Ask for food for the day and trust God to provide it. Do not worry for the future. When you pray, ask God to provide your daily food.

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#### **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(Romans 5:8-11)**

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"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

Romans 5:8-9

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#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

**(Romans 12:17; 2 Corinthians 8:21; 1 Peter 2:12)**

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##### **PRAY FOR HONESTY**

"Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."  
2 Corinthians 8:21

Honest is a characteristic of God. He always tells the truth. Christians are to live honest lives before God and as an example to the world. Our world needs to be taught and need to see practiced the honesty revealed in Scripture. Pray for an honest heart and strive to live above deceit in every way.

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#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(2 Corinthians 9:12-15)**

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"For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God.... Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift"

2 Corinthians 9:12, 15