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1 Corinthians 14:15

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 43

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Exodus 15:22-26)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS HEALING

"...If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."

Exodus 15:26

God is a God of healing. Though He has healed people of physical illnesses, His primary concern is with spiritual healing. Obedience brings healing from the devastating sickness of sin. In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His healing. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that we are dependent upon Him for healing. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for His healing assures us that He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 3:15)

PRAY FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

1 Timothy 3:5

The church is to serve as the pillar and ground of the Truth. It is the church's duty to uphold before the world the Truth of God's Word. This is done by preaching and teaching, but also by living in obedience to the Bible.

Let us pray for the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will support the Truth in teaching and in action. Thus, we may be a light of salvation to a world lost in sin.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

PRAY FOR EVANGELISTS

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."

2 Thessalonians 3:1

We must remember our duty to pray for those who preach the Gospel. Especially, we must pray for those who evangelize in foreign lands and difficult places. There is no greater support that we could give them!

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Let us pray for their safety. Pray for opportunities that they may preach and teach. Pray that they may find honest and good hearts. Pray for Robert Martin and Joey Treat and their families. Pray for their area of work – the Pacific Islands. Pray for good success and the salvation of souls.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(1 Timothy 6:6-8)

PRAY WITH CONTENTMENT

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

1 Timothy 6:6-8

As we pray for physical needs, we must learn contentment. We must learn the difference between needs and wants (necessities and luxuries). Learn to be thankful for and content with what God has given. Learn to use our abundance to help others.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Romans 8:29-39)

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(James 3:13)

PRAY FOR MEEKNESS

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

James 3:13

Meekness refers to strength that is under control. It is not weakness. It is the strength of one's convictions displayed in a kind and gentle manner.

God is meek (cf. Matt. 11:29; 21:5; 2 Cor. 10:1). In spite of His tremendous power, He relates to man with kindness and mercy. Let us pray for meekness – that we will be strong but kind, unwavering but longsuffering.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Ephesians 5:18-21)

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...."

Ephesians 5:19-20