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Ephesians 6:18

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 44

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 18:2; 91:2; 119:114; 144:2)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS PROTECTION

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Psalm 18:2

God is a God of protection. He is the source of spiritual strength and safety during the trials, tests, and turmoil of this life. He is steady and strong – a sure foundation and powerful helper. In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His protection. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that the salvation and safety of our souls depend upon Him. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for His protection assures us that He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Philemon 1:2)

PRAY FOR THE SOLDIERS OF THE CHURCH

"And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in thy house."

Philemon 1:2

The church is made up of soldiers. These are men and women who are committed to the Lord and the Truth. Thus, they are ready and willing to stand and fight for that which is right. This includes defending the Truth and teaching the lost.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will see itself as the army of God. Pray that we will serve as soldiers, fighting against the spiritual forces of evil – always faithful, never surrendering.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(James 5:13-15)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. ...Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

James 5:13-15

We can pray for ourselves when we are sick. Yet, we also have the privilege of praying for others in their time of sickness. Prayer and treatment both have a role in the healing of the sick. Let us not forget our duty to pray.

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Let us pray for the healing of the sick. Let us pray with faith, yet with submission to the will of God. Let us remember that spiritual sickness is far worse than physical illness. Remember the sick in your prayers. (See the Prayer List and weekly bulletin for those in need of prayer.)

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Ephesians 3:14-21)

PRAY FOR REQUESTS

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

Though the age of miracles has ended, God’s promise to answer prayer has not. God wants us to pray for the necessities of life. Yet, He also allows us to make our requests known to Him. God wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives. We included Him by praying. Pray with contentment and submission to His will, and let your requests be made known.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

1 Corinthians 6:11

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8)

PRAY FOR TEMPERANCE

“For a bishop must be... a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate.”

Titus 1:7-8

Temperance is self-control – “the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions” (Thayer). Meekness is the governing of one’s strength. Temperance is the control of one’s desires.

Let us pray for temperance. Pray that we will learn to desire those things that God desires for us and defines as good and right. Pray that we may gain strength to resist temptation and sin.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Philippians 1:3-7; Colossians 1:3-5)

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now...”

Philippians 1:3-5