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Philippians 4:6

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 45

### **PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**(Genesis 49:22-26)**

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#### **PRAISE GOD FOR HIS MIGHT**

"But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob ...by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with the blessings of heaven...."

Genesis 49:24-25

God is a God of might. He is the Almighty – all strength and power belong to Him. He is able to keep His word, protect His people, and provide for His children.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His might. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing our dependence upon His strength. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for His might assures us that He will hear and He is able to answer our prayers.

### **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

**(Hebrews 2:12)**

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#### **PRAY FOR THE SINGING OF THE CHURCH**

"Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."

Hebrews 2:12

The church is made up of singers. The knowledge of God brings songs of praise. The joy of salvation produces songs of thanksgiving. The hope of Heaven creates songs of edification.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will understand the importance of singing as worship to God and in teaching one another. Pray that we will sing songs of truth from hearts filled with love and joy. Pray that we will strive to offer our best.

### **PRAYER FOR OTHERS**

**(1 Corinthians 12:26; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)**

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#### **PRAY FOR THE GRIEVING**

"Blessed by God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

When a brother or sister suffers, the church should show their love and support. The loss of a loved one causes a difficult time of grief and suffering. We may not know what to say, but we can always pray.

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Philippians 4:6

Let us pray for the comfort of the grieving. Pray that they may find comfort from God and the truth of His Word. Pray that they may grow closer to the Lord and not allow grief to cause them to drift away from Him. Pray that faith and time may help their hurt heal.

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

**(Matthew 6:7-8)**

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##### **PRAY WITH TRUST**

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”

Matthew 6:7-8

When we pray, we must remember that God already knows our needs. Thus, we can pray with trust and confidence that He will answer with what is best for us. Let us learn to pray with complete trust in God.

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#### **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(2 Corinthians 5:14-21)**

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“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ...Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

2 Corinthians 5:17, 20-21

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

**(Philippians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 16:13)**

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##### **PRAY FOR VIRTUE**

“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

Virtue is valor, excellence, moral goodness. It is the idea of moral power or energy. Christians are to demonstrate energy in the exercise of their faith. We must “show forth” the virtues of God and godliness by the way we live our lives (1 Pet. 2:9). Our faith must become vigorous action! Let us pray for virtue. Pray that we will have strength and boldness to put our faith into action. Pray that we may show the world an example of godliness in our lives.

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#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(Philippians 4:4-9)**

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“...[W]ith thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus...”