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Colossians 4:2

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 46

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Psalm 146:5-10)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS HELP

"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God."

Psalm 146:5

God is a God of help. He cares for His creation, especially for His children. He is able to provide the spiritual help so desperately needed by man. His aid brings true blessedness and provides real hope.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His help. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing just how much we need and depend upon Him. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for His helping nature assures us that He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Hebrews 12:22-24, 28)

PRAY FOR THE BLESSINGS OF THE CHURCH

"But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, ...To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven... receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved...."

Hebrews 12:22-23, 28

The church is truly blessed. The kingdom of Christ will never be shaken or moved – it will stand until He returns. In this holy city are found all spiritual blessings. May we never forget or take for granted what a privilege it is to be a member of the Lord's church.

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will understand the blessings we have in Christ. Pray that we will continue to be blessed by God. Pray that we will strive to bless others by our teaching and example.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Thessalonians 5:14; Romans 15:1)

PRAY FOR THE SPIRITUALLY WEAK

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

Romans 15:1

The spiritually weak are those without strength. Perhaps they are new converts who are just beginning to grow. Maybe they are those facing difficult trials that hinder their growth. It could be one who is coming out of error and struggling with preconceived ideas. It is anyone who is in need of spiritual strength.

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Let us pray for the spiritually weak. Pray that they may have opportunity to learn and to grow. Pray that they may have determination and devotion to keep fighting. Pray that they may be strengthened in faith and knowledge. Pray that we may encourage and help those who are weak.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Psalm 33:18-19; 34:10)

PRAY FOR FOOD

"Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine."

Psalm 33:18-19

We must pray for our food – our daily bread. Yet, we must remember that God already knows of our need. And, we must trust His promise to provide. If we seek Him first, we will not lack.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Galatians 4:3-7)

"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, ...To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ...Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

Galatians 4:4-5, 7

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(Philippians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 8:7; Col. 1:9-10)

PRAY FOR KNOWLEDGE

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

Colossians 1:9

Knowledge includes both general intelligence and understanding. True faith is built and based upon knowledge of God's Word (Rom. 10:17). Thus, we should pray for knowledge, but also apply ourselves to gain it – by studying the Bible.

Let us pray for knowledge. Pray that we will devote ourselves to the study of God's Word. Pray that we may gain insight and understanding. Pray that our knowledge may increase as long as we live.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Colossians 1:9-14)

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1:12-14