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Hebrews 5:7

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 48

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(James 1:17)

PRaise GOD FOR HIS BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

James 1:17

God is a God of blessing. Every good thing received by man is a gift from God. He is the source of all blessings and He longs to bless His children liberally without harshness (James 1:5).

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His blessings. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing just how dependent upon Him we are. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for He longs to bless us by hearing and answering our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(3 John 1:9-10)

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF THE CHURCH

"Diotrephes... neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church."

3 John 1:9-10

The church will thrive only when it is a peace. Diotrephes brought conflict and chaos into the church. God desires His children to live, work, and worship together in peace and unity.

Let us pray for the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will have the peace needed to please God and to encourage one another. Pray that we will seek to bring peace to a world lost in sin.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Peter 3:7)

PRAY FOR THE HOME

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

1 Peter 3:7

The home stands in need of prayer. It is constantly attacked by the forces of evil. One's home life affects his spiritual life. We need strong homes that believe and follow the Word of God.

Let us pray for the home. Pray that God's plan for it will be taught and followed. Pray for those homes that are facing difficult situations. Pray for the strength of each home that makes up the local congregation. Pray for your home - your spouse, children, parents, siblings.

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PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**(2 Thessalonians 3:10-13)**

PRAY WITH OBEDIENCE

"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

2 Thessalonians 3:10

When we pray for our needs, we must do so with an understanding of our responsibility in meeting those needs. God provides our daily bread. However, He also expects us to work for it. We must pray with complete trust in God; yet, we must follow through with submissive obedience.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**(Titus 2:11-14)**

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Titus 2:13-14

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**(2 Peter 3:10-12)**

PRAY FOR GODLINESS

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness."

2 Peter 3:11

Godliness refers to reverence, respect, or piety toward God. One who is godly is devout, striving to be like God in thought, motive, and action. Godliness is found in the revelation of the Gospel (1 Tim. 3:16; 6:3; 2 Pet. 1:3). It is something to be worked toward and pursued (1 Tim. 4:7-8; 6:11). Let us pray for godliness. Pray that we may study and learn what God would have us to do and who He would have us to be. Pray that we will labor to be more like him in every thought and deed.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**(1 Thessalonians 2:13)**

"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

1 Thessalonians 2:13