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James 5:16

## A YEAR OF PRAYER

### WEEK 50

#### **PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**(1 Peter 1:20)**

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##### **PRAISE GOD FOR HIS FOREKNOWLEDGE**

"Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

1 Peter 1:20

Because He is eternal, God is able to know the future before it happens (from man's perspective). Yet, He is able to do this without robbing man of his freedom of choice. By His foreknowledge, God planned and provided a Savior for the world of humanity. And, He has prepared a perfect home for man to inhabit for all eternity.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His foreknowledge. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing how wise He is. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for part of His plan was to bless us by hearing and answering our prayers. He knows what we need before we ask.

#### **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

**(Revelation 2:1-5)**

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##### **PRAY FOR THE REPENTANCE OF THE CHURCH**

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Revelation 2:5

The church is made up of imperfect people who make mistakes and sin. At times, a congregation may do something that it should not, or not do something that it should. We always must be willing to admit our mistakes and turn back to the way of righteousness.

Let us pray for the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will strive to teach, worship, and work in harmony with the Word of God. Pray that when we fall short, we will repent and return to the teaching of Scripture.

#### **PRAYER FOR OTHERS**

**(1 Timothy 5:5)**

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##### **PRAY FOR THE NEEDY**

"Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day."

1 Timothy 5:5

The word 'desolate' means, "Left all alone" - thus, without another to help. Christians are to care for those who are in need. We are to be the ones who reach out to those who are desolate.

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Let us pray for the needy. Pray that their needs may be met. Pray that they may find help, comfort, and strength to endure. Pray that their situation may turn for the better. Yet, let us also be willing to do whatever we can to help.

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## **PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**(Matthew 6:25-34)**

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### **PRAY FOR CLOTHING**

“Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? ...But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6:30, 33

We are to pray for our clothing. Yet, we should remember that God has promised to provide for us if we seek Him first. We should pray with complete trust in God to meet our needs.

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## **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**(Hebrews 2:9-15)**

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“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death ...that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. ...[F]or which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.... [T]hat through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

Hebrews 2:9, 11, 14-15

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## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS**

**(James 4:6, 10)**

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### **PRAY FOR HUMILITY**

“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

James 4:6b, 10

Humility is lowliness, modesty, or “a deep sense of one’s littleness” (Thayer). Humility is the opposite of pride. Humility causes us to realize our dependence upon God. Humility helps us seek what is best for the church, our brethren, and our neighbor – rather than what we desire for ourselves. Pray that we may be humble in our service to God and to others.

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**(1 Timothy 2:1-4)**

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“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men ...For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God....”

1 Timothy 2:1, 3