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Revelation 8:4

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 52

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(Daniel 7:9)

PRAISE GOD AS THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

“I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.”

Daniel 7:9

In this symbolic passage, God is pictured as an aged man with white hair and white robes on a throne of fire. This image was to produce veneration, reverence, and respect for Jehovah because of His eternal wisdom. God is not an old man – He is everlasting! He is pure and holy. His judgment is just and true.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God as the Ancient of Days. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, calling upon Him as our Father. Yet, let us pray with boldness, for with His eternal wisdom and power he will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(Revelation 2:7, 11, 17; 3:5, 12, 21)

PRAY FOR THE VICTORY OF THE CHURCH

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father....”

Revelation 3:5

The church is victorious over Satan, over the world, and over death itself! However, this victory requires each member of the church to overcome (Rev. 12:11). Faithfulness to the Lord brings victory and triumph (Rev. 2:10).

Let us pray for the church – locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will recognize the victory provided by the Lord. Pray that we all may strive for faithfulness – that we may overcome and receive the crown of life.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(Romans 13:1-7)

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. ...For he is the minister of God to thee for good.”

Romans 13:1, 4

Those who serve in law enforcement and in military duties are ministers of God. God desires justice upon the earth. He allows government as a means of executing and protecting justice.

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Our military serves to protect and defend our country and our freedoms – at great risk to themselves.

Let us pray for our military. Pray that they may have safety in their daily work. Pray for the strength of their families. Especially remember those who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Pray that there may be peace upon the earth.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Hebrews 4:14-16)

PRAY FOR REQUESTS

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

We may make our requests known to God. But, we must remember to pray in harmony with His will. He will provide that which is best for us. He will hear and answer our prayers.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Revelation 22:12-14)

“‘And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.’ ...Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

Revelation 22:12, 14

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(2 Thessalonians 1:3-4; 1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 4:7)

PRAY FOR FAITH

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

2 Timothy 4:7

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). To grow in faith requires effort in study and exercise of our faith. Yet, prayer is to be involved as well. Just as Paul, we should ask the Lord to increase our faith and strive to keep the faith. Let us all pray for greater faith!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Revelation 7:12; 11:17)

“Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. ...Saying, We give thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and has reigned.”

Revelation 7:12; 11:17