

When We Pray – Things Will Change
March 15th, 2020

Forgiveness

Lent is the season for forgiveness. May we pray that during the season of Lent this year we will be able to open our hearts a little wider and come to terms with our own human condition and failures in order to be open to the blessings which come from God. May our Lenten meditations focus on our need for forgiveness. As we repent of our sins and turn away from them, may we be filled with God's mercy and love. We pray that we will be able to stop blocking our own ability to feel God's love and forgiveness by refusing to forgive those who have hurt us, and continuing to relive old hurts repeatedly in our minds. May we make peace with the painful things of the past so that we can be filled with new and joyful thoughts. Jesus Christ died to pay the price for my sins, to break the power of sin in my life, and to clothe me in his righteousness.

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Difficult People

We know that we are far from perfect. We have faults, limitations and weaknesses which make it difficult to be civil at times, especially when dealing with difficult people. May God help us to be more patient, and strengthen us so that we can show Christian love and forbearance when we find ourselves in stressful relationships and troubling encounters. We pray that God will soften our sharp edges and change our hearts so God's grace can flow through us. May we remember that God has told us to cast everything that troubles us on him, because he cares for us. As we take every negative thought to God in prayer may our worship and prayers transform us and help us to do God's will. We know that without Jesus we cannot change, nor can we be the person God would have us to be - but as we remain in Christ and abide in Christ he will lead us.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Good Government

We are told in the bible that we are to pray, intercede and give thanks for kings and all people in authority. This is God's command to every believer today. So, may we pray in faith. Pray for our Commander-in-Chief, that he has a personal relationship with Christ and walks closely in step with the Holy Spirit and in holiness. We pray that our current leaders, and the ones we vote in to office, will have the qualities of integrity, fearing God and earning the respect of those they serve. May they be recognized to have strong moral values, display a vision of God's Kingdom, and demonstrate love for all men regardless of race, color or creed. Pray that our leaders will govern to protect citizens and provide for the common good in regard to infrastructure and markets. Pray that Americans would recognize that government is appointed by God and is thereby designed to accomplish His purposes. Pray that we will not be conformed to the patterns of this world but be transformed in our thinking, testing all things by God's word and Holy Spirit. Pray that righteousness would prevail in our nation and that all corruption and unrighteousness would be exposed and removed.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

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