

## Thanksgiving & Supplication...

...be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and that we may put on the New man which was created according to YOU, in true righteousness and holiness! –Eph. 4:22-24. Thank YOU! You have rescued us from this body of death! –Rom. 7:24

In Christ YOU have made us... holy, blameless, children, according to Your good pleasure and You have made us accepted in the Beloved! Eph. 1:4-6. Thank YOU! You have made us citizens of heaven and promised to transform this lowly body that it may be conformed to Your glorious body –Phil. 3:20,21. Thank YOU! You have given us the ministry of reconciliation the word of reconciliation and made us ambassadors for Christ on earth -2 Cor. 5:18-20 Thank YOU! Open a door for the word, so we may speak the mystery of Christ to all in this community! –Col. 4:3 Thank YOU!

But God forbid that we should except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world has been crucified to us, and us to the world! –Gal. 6:14

Now to Him who is able to keep us from stumbling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to You our God and Savior, who alone is wise be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever –Amen! Jude 24,25



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*“Ask, and it shall be given to you; Seek, and you shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will he give him a stone? Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!” -Mt. 7:7-11*

God doesn't guilt us into praying. He encourages. He entices. He tells us to ask –and it shall be given! In fact He says... “if you abide in Me, and My word abides in you... ask whatever you wish and it shall be done for you!” –Jn. 15:7 ASK! He tells us in James 4:2 “...you have not... because you ask not”. Are we asking?

Notice how the English translation of the three imperatives in this text drive home the general truth: **Ask, Seek, Knock... ASK!** However in the original language there is an escalating intensity in these three imperatives. We ask, but in our asking we are to **SEEK** the PERSON we are asking. The word “seek” in the original language points to worship. Asking isn't worship -seeking is worship. Our asking needs to be saturated in the worship of His Person. Asking without seeking –is like using God as a genie. We pull out the bottle and rub it in prayer hoping God will grant our wishes. Ask! Yes! But **SEEK!** It's the relational element.

Ask, Seek, **KNOCK**. To knock is to be consistent enough to press through to the Person we are seeking! When you come to someone's house and knock... you **WAIT** until they come to the door. So in praying, I don't just come to the door knock and leave, nor do I come to the door and talk at the door or into the air. I press through until I am face to face with the Person I seek. When I'm in His presence, with that worshipful attitude, I'm given the privilege to ask. So in our praying this year, let's be sure to -Ask, **SEEK, KNOCK**.

## ADORATION & CONFESSION:

**Who is like YOU, O Lord?** Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders –Ex. 15:11 There is no one holy like the Lord, there is none besides YOU! -1 Sam. 2:2. “All my bones shall say... who is like YOU! -Ps. 35:10. There is none like YOU, nor are there any works like Your works! All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name! For you are great, and do wondrous things, You alone are God! -Ps. 86:9,10.

You sit on the throne of **Your holiness** –Ps. 47:8, You are awesome –a great King over all the earth. Are you not from everlasting, O Lord My God, my Holy One? You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness –Hab. 1:12,13. You are righteous in all Your ways and holy in all Your works –Ps. 145:17. You are a consuming fire –Heb. 12:29. Your holiness is a consuming fire –Lev. 10:2. Who among us shall dwell with the Devouring Fire? Who among us shall dwell with Everlasting Burnings? -Isa. 33:14. The angels surrounding Your throne do not rest day or night praising you saying... Holy, Holy, Holy –Rev. 4:8. Holy, Holy, Holy are YOU... Lord of Hosts, the whole earth is full of Your glory –Isa. 6:3. Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are HOLY –Rev. 15:3,4. You are holy in Your temple -let all the earth keep silent before YOU! –Hab. 2:20.

Forgive us... for we are **unholy!** Moses hid his face for he was afraid to look upon You –Ex. 3:6. John fell down as dead before You and had to be raised up by You –Rev.1:17. We are lovers of self, covetous, boasters, proud, unthankful and un-Holy -1 Tim. 3:2. We, like Isaiah, are undone! We are people of unclean lips and we live in the midst of a world full of unclean lips –Isa. 6:5. Forgive us for who we are and what we do! Do not forsake us, O Lord, our God and be not far from us! Be pleased to deliver us, O Lord make haste to help us! We are poor and needy. You are our help and our deliverer; do no delay! -Ps. 40:13,17. If you should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that you may be feared. We will wait for the Lord, our soul waits, and in Your word we do hope –Ps. 130:2,4. For we long to be holy -as You are holy -1 Ptr. 1:16. We groan earnestly desiring to be further clothed with Your holiness -2 Cor. 5:2. For our corruption to take on incorruption, our dishonor to take on honor, our mortal to be swallowed up by Your life! -1 Cor. 15:42, 2 Cor. 5:4. Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation! –Ps. 21,22 for without holiness no one will see You –Heb. 12:4.

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We give thanks to You Lord... for You are good! Your mercy endures forever! –Ps. 136:1. Show us Your glory! Make all Your goodness pass before us –Ex. 33:18,19. All Your works shall praise You and Your saints shall bless You. We will speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power, we will make known Your mighty acts, the glorious majesty of Your kingdom, to people all around us. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. You uphold all who fall. You raise up all who are bowed down. Our eyes look expectantly to You... You open Your hand and satisfy our desires –Ps. 145:10-16. Thank You!

You have demonstrated your love for us, while we were yet sinners... Christ died for us –Rom. 5:8. Thank YOU! You have made a way through His precious blood to remove our sin and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness –Heb. 9:12, 1 Jn. 1:9. In Him we have redemption –through His blood- the forgiveness of sins... according to the riches of His grace –Eph. 1:7. Thank YOU! You have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ –Eph. 1:3. You –according to Your mercy- have begotten us again to a living hope in Christ... to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for us! -1 Ptr. 1:3,4. Thank YOU! Your divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness! -2 Ptr. 1:3. Thank YOU! You have given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these we may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption, that is in the world through lust -2 Ptr. 1:4. Thank YOU! You have –by Christ- qualified us to be partakes of the inheritance of the saints of light, YOU have delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of YOUR love. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins! Col. 1:12-14. Thank YOU! Now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus –for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death! –Rom. 8:1,2. Thank YOU!

You have given us Your Spirit to guide us into all truth, to glorify Yourself, to take what is Yours and declare it unto us, that we may be one with You! –Jn. 16:13-15. Thank YOU! To convict us of sin and of righteousness and of judgment –Jn. 16:8 Thank YOU! To indwell us –Gal. 1:20, and fill us –Eph. 5:18 so we might walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh –Gal. 5:16. Thank YOU! So we might bear the fruit of Your Spirit –love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control –Gal. 5:22,23. Thank YOU! So we might be able to put off concerning our former conduct the old man, which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and