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Third Quarter Prayer Calendar 2021

July...August...September

July Focus: Accepting Others

Accepting Others: Some people have a way of making themselves at home. They don't ring the front doorbell. They slip in the back. They don't care if there's clutter on the floor. They'll either help you pick it up, or step over it to pour you each a cup of coffee. Perhaps, the key to the back door of our hearts is simply **Acceptance** --- the kind of love that would just as soon hug you in a tattered bathrobe as in your Sunday best.

NIV Scriptures:

Week of the 7/4 – 7/10: Mark 12:33, To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifice.

Week of 7/11 – 7/17: 1 Corinthians 12:12, The body is a unit, though it is made of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

Week of 7/18 – 7/24: Romans 15:7, Accept one another, then, just as Christ **accepted** you, in order to bring praise to God.

Week of 7/25 - 7/31: Ephesians 2:4, For Christ, Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility. **(Acceptance)**

July Prayer:

Independence Day (July 4th): Kneeling before You, Jesus, we ask You to embolden us to carry Your saving message to the cities where we live. We call on You for our nation - to heal our land. Confuse and destroy the plans of those who are not governing honestly or with integrity. Grant us courage to carry out Your Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, and eventually, bring us to heaven with You. Amen

August Focus: Conflict

Conflict: The secret to unity? Taking the other person's needs, feelings, and desires into yourself. Unity is wonderful when it happens, but it's often difficult to achieve. Believers differ, disagree, hurt each other's feelings, fight about issues and problems. The key to us becoming one lies in Jesus' prayer to His Father for all believers: "that they may be one as We are One: I in them and You in Me (John 17:22-23). Do this and you have allowed Jesus to be "in" you.

NIV Scriptures:

Week of 8/1 – 8/7: 1 Peter 3:8-9, Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brethren, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil for evil or insult, but with blessing, because to this, you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Week of 8/8 - 8/14: 1 Corinthians 1:10, I appeal to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so there may be no division among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Week of 8/15 - 8/21: Psalm 133:1, How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

Week of 8/22 – 8/28: Ephesians 4:31-32, Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling, and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

Week of 8/29 - 9/4: James 1:19-20, My dear friends, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

September Focus: Discipleship

Discipleship: Jesus invites us to be His disciples. If we choose to accept His loving invitation, we must understand that there are certain conditions to be fulfilled. One of them is a willingness to accept the cross. It is never easy. When Jesus took up His cross, He was saying yes to the will of His Father. The call still comes to us. Take up your cross and come with Me. I will give you strength and show you the way.

NIV Scriptures:

Week of 9/5 – 9/11: Luke 14:33, Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be My disciple.

Week of 9/12 – 9/18: Micah 6:8, He has shown you, O man, what is good. and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Week of 9/19 – 9/25: Titus 2:11-12, For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age.

Week of 9/26 - 10/2: Galatians 6:8-9, The one who sows to please the Spirit, from the spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

September Prayers:

Labor Day (September 6th): Lord of all, remind us this day that no matter what our vocations, we should work knowing that You are the true master. Let us be ever mindful of serving You as we serve others in our work. Let us be good examples of dedication first to You, Lord, and then examples of dedication to our earthly work. Give us rest and relaxation this day from our labor. In Jesus' name. Amen.

For Schools: Lord Jesus, as You grew up in Nazareth, You grew in wisdom and knowledge, not only at the feet of Your earthly parents but also at the local synagogue school. Grant Your direction and guidance to the teachers and administrators of the schools of our community and nation so that students may not only increase in wisdom and knowledge but also, like You may grow "in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). In Your name, we pray. Amen

For Teachers: Our Lord and Teacher, as another school year begins, we thank You for God-fearing teachers in our public and Christian schools who faithfully carry out their challenging vocation. Grant them the ability to help their students develop the wisdom, knowledge, and life skills they need. Give them a caring and understanding heart for each child's unique personality and needs. And guide them in sharing Your grace and truth in a caring and creative way. Jesus, keep them blessed and safe. In Your name. Amen.

For Students: God of wisdom and knowledge, enlighten the children and youth of our land as they return to school for another year of learning and growth. Help them accept their instruction and study as their primary vocation at this time in their life. Open their minds and hearts to learn what is fruitful for their life of service to You. and lead them to realize that all true wisdom, knowledge, and understanding come from You. (Proverb 2;6) In Jesus' name. Amen.