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Prayer

'pray without ceasing' 1 Thessalonians 5:17

What is prayer?

- † **Prayer is communion with God**
- † **Through prayer we actually experience and build a relationship with God**
- † **Prayer is talking with God (ACTS)**
 - **Adoration**
 - **Confession**
 - **Thanksgiving**
 - **Supplication**
- † **Prayer is listening to God**
- † **Prayer is enjoying the presence of God**

Who is God with Whom we are building a relationship? (Ezr 37:1-14; Job 38-41)

- † **A W Tozer said: 'what comes into our minds when we think of God is the most important thing about us'**
- † **In Romans 1:20, St Paul tells us that through creation we see the invisible qualities and divine nature of God**
- † **Some of the attributes of God**
 - **God is holy**
 - **God is eternal**
 - **God is all-knowing**
 - **God is all-powerful**
 - **God is fair and just**
 - **God is the King of kings**
- † **Yet, this God asks me, the weak and sinner, to come into a close relationship with Him. The only access to this relationship is prayer (Gen 18:17)**

The power of prayer

As I am praying, Heaven becomes united to me, taking my prayer seriously and responding to me in miraculous ways which are not visible to the naked eye (*Tob 3:16-17*)

 refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer'

Romans 12:12

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

- 1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon**
- 2. for CrossTalk to find a locale**
- 3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim**
- 4. to become more of saints and less of sinners**
- 5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think**
- 6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth**
- 7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him**
- 8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor**
- 9. to all the sick**
- 10. to all those in prison**
- 11. to the unity of the Christians**
- 12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity**
- 13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management**
- 14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them**
- 15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights**
- 16. to the situation in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq and the whole region**

During this coming week, we will lift the Greek Orthodox Church in prayer

قانون الايمان
أؤمن بإله واحد
أب ضابط الكل
خالق السماء والأرض
كل ما يرى وما لا يرى
ويرب واحد يسوع المسيح
ابن الله الوحيد،
المولود من الأب قبل كل الدهور
نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق
مولود غير مخلوق،
مساو للأب في الجوهر
الذي به كان كل شيء
الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر ومن أجل خلاصنا
نزل من السماء
وتجسد من الروح القدس ومن مريم العذراء
وتأنس وصلب عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي
وتألم وقبر
وقام في اليوم الثالث على ما في الكتب
وصعد إلى السماء وجلس عن يمين الأب
وأيضاً يأتي بمجد ليدين الأحياء والأموات
الذي لا فناء لملكه
وبالروح القدس، الرب المحيي
المنبثق من الأب،
الذي هو مع الأب والابن
مسجود له وممجّد، الناطق بالأنبياء
ويكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدسة، رسولية
وأعترف بعمودية واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا
وأترجى قيامة الموتى والحياة في الدهر الآتي
أمين

الصلاة الربانية
أبانا الذي في السموات
ليتقدس اسمك
ليأت ملكوتك
ليتك مشيئةك
كما في السماء
كذلك على الأرض
خبزنا الجوهري أعطنا اليوم
واترك لنا ما علينا
كما نترك نحن
لمن لنا عليه
ولا تدخلنا في تجربة
لكن نجنا من الشرير
أمين