

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25 – 31

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time You Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to You who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then You are no longer strangers and aliens, but You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him You also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

REVERENCE - *God's Praiseworthy Attributes:*

- He transforms our identity (vv. 11-12)
- He gives us real hope (v.12)
- Christ's sacrifice/shed blood brings real reconciliation (v. 13)
- Christ brings real peace and abolishes division (v. 14)
- Christ creates “oneness” out of human differences and division (v. 15)
- Christ reconciles relationships and destroys hostility (v. 16)
- Christ produces lasting peace between us as we draw near to him (v. 17)
- He gives all believers access to the abundance of His Spirit (v. 18)
- He transforms our enmity to make us “fellow citizens, saints and members” of His family (v. 19)
- He gives us a solid foundation of truth for our thoughts and lives, with Jesus as our Cornerstone (v. 20)
- He unites and builds us so that we might reflect His holiness in this world (v. 21)
- He is our source of growth so that the presence of the Spirit will be evident in and through His church (v. 22)

POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- I praise You Lord that even though I used to be known as _____ I am now a new creature in Christ.
- Thank You that my hopelessness has been turned to hope because You are _____.
- I praise You that You have reconciled me to _____.
- I praise You that Your peace has changed _____.
- I praise you that I am now one with _____ because of the cross.
- I praise You that You delivered me from the hostility of _____.
- I praise You that as we draw near to You in the midst of _____, You provide real peace.
- I praise You that we have access to Your Spirit who is _____.
- I praise You that I am “fellow citizen, saint and member” of Your family, especially when the world tells me _____.
- Thank You Lord Jesus that You are the Cornerstone, especially when _____.
- I praise You that the beauty of Your holiness and the power of Your Spirit is greater than _____.

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RESPONSE

- I confess that I need Christ to bring real peace to my heart and abolish the division I feel about _____.
- I surrender my feelings of hopelessness about _____ and embrace You as the only hope of this world.
- I surrender all doubts, lies and false narratives to You (as the source of truth and the Cornerstone of my life). Especially my thoughts about _____.
- Because Your Spirit is _____ I surrender my _____.

REQUESTS

- Give me grace today to stop seeing myself as _____ and to embrace my identity in Christ.
- As I live in a hopeless and Godless world, help me minister the peace of Christ, especially as I _____.
- Lord I pray that you will bring _____ (name of the lost or backslidden) near to you by the power of the cross.
- Lord Jesus, by Your power I ask You to bring reconciliation to _____.
- I pray that _____ (names) would experience real "oneness" by the power of Christ.
- I pray for Your church that Your peace would abolish the division that exists over _____.
- Help _____ (name) to draw near to You today so that they may know Your peace.
- Because Your Spirit is _____, I pray that You will _____.
- Give me grace to truly live as "fellow citizen, saint and member" of Your family, especially when _____.
- I pray for _____ to have the strength to stand on truth, and trust You as their Cornerstone as they _____.
- I pray Your holiness will prevail and Your Spirit will be evident in and through me today as _____.
- I pray Your holiness will prevail and Your Spirit will be evident in and through Your church so that _____.

READINESS

- As we go into a world of division and hostility, empower us that Your peace will triumph over _____.
- As the world seeks to divide believers over _____, thank you that in Christ we can live with one heart, one voice and one purpose.
 - Jesus is our Cornerstone!
- Even though the world tells believers that we are _____, empower us to live as "fellow citizens, saints and members" of Your family.
- As I journey in a society that believes _____, let me stand on the foundation of Your truth.

Monthly Prayer Focus: "40 Days of Prayer for America."

POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS

- Thank the Lord for His great gift of prayer.
- Pray for clarity of purpose in your life, with your focus on Jesus.
- Pray for a clearer understanding of the days in which we live and how we should pray.