

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 – 11

PRAYER GUIDE: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-15 (ESV)

⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

REVERENCE

God is...

- Abounding in grace – v. 8
- Our sufficient source – v. 8
- The source of all good works – v. 8
- Provider for the poor – v.9
- Righteous forever – v. 9
- The producer of righteousness in and through us – v. 10
- Our source of generosity – v. 11
- Our source of all thanksgiving – v. 11,12
- Working through us for His glory – v. 13
- Working by the gospel of Christ – v. 13
- Connecting believers by His grace – v. 14
- Producing prayer in us by His grace – v. 14
- The giver of the inexpressible gift of salvation in Christ – v. 15

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POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE

- I praise You that Your grace abounded to me when...
- Thank You that my family experienced abounding grace when...
- Thank You that our church experienced abounding grace when...
- I praise You that Your sufficient grace empowers me to...
- I thank You Lord for the grace You showered on my life through _____ (name) when they...
- I praise You that even when _____, You gave me grace to be generous.
- The gift of salvation in Your son is "inexpressible" because...

RESPONSE

- I confess that I have limited Your grace by failing to trust You when...
- Because of my confession of the gospel, help me submit to You when You call me to...

REQUESTS

- I trust You to supply and multiply a harvest of righteousness as I...
- Give me grace to be generous, especially when _____, so that You will receive great thanksgiving
- Because You distribute freely and give to the poor, help me to...
- I pray that Your grace will work through me to meet the needs of _____ (name).
- I pray that our church will be filled with thanksgiving as we trust You for the grace to...
- I pray that _____ (name) will trust You for abounding grace today as they...

READINESS

- Individuals pray: May Your grace abound to us when we struggle with _____ (areas of spiritual battle/temptation that oppose God's grace).
- Antiphonal response: "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!"

Monthly Prayer Focus: "Christ in Christmas" (Advent Devotional)

POSSIBLE DEVOTIONAL FOCUS: *The Birth of Christ*

Isaiah 19:19-25: *A Savior and Deliverer*

Isaiah 40:9-11: *The Sovereign Lord Comes*

Isaiah 49:1-7: *A Servant Brings Salvation*

Meditation questions:

1. How did the birth of Jesus Christ change the course of history?
2. How did the birth of Jesus Christ change your life?