

## **Prayers for our Church – Week 10**

### **DAY 1 – Isaiah 1:17**

Gracious Lord give us the strength to seek justice and correct any oppression we see. Guide us in the ways to bring swift justice to the orphans and plead for the widow's cause because no one else likely will. Your prophet Isaiah revealed that we must "learn to do good"; we must also "seek justice" correcting any injustices we see. Give us wisdom and strength to see and respond to all injustices. AMEN

### **DAY 2 – Psalm 127:3-5**

Lord God, the Psalmist wrote that children are a heritage from you. If children are like arrows in the hands of a warrior and a man with a quiver full is a blessed man, Lord guide us in the ways of protecting children in our church, our community, and the world. Reveal the children we are called to serve. AMEN

### **DAY 3 – Matthew 18:2-6, Mark 9:36-37**

Jesus, you called a child to your side and said whoever welcomes one such child in your name, also welcomes you and the One who sent you. You warned us how vital it is to care for children and how causing one of them to stumble would be worse than drowning in the depths of the sea. Lord, make us more like you. Give us hearts of understanding and compassion. AMEN

### **DAY 4 – James 1:27**

Lord Christ, often we get caught up in what we call religion; we get sidetracked by man-made traditions and working to complete a checklist. Your brother shared that true religion from God the Father's perspective is about caring for orphans and widows who suffer needlessly. Give us your wisdom and strength to see as you do. AMEN

### **DAY 5 – Psalm 68:5, Proverbs 22:6**

Heavenly Father, so many children in our world today needlessly suffer. You are the "*Father of the fatherless and protector of widows,*" guide our hands and feet that they may be yours. Lead us to children who need mentoring or guidance. Help us to leave judgment aside and to have only your love and compassion for all. AMEN

### **DAY 6 – Mark 10:13-19, Luke 18:15-17**

Lord Jesus, your disciples reprimanded and pushed away people who brought little children to your side. You called the children to you and said the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Open our eyes to see the little children in our very midst. Give us strength to seek them out and never turn away. Show us how to love and bless those you would send us to. AMEN

### **DAY 7- Matthew 14:27-31, Hebrews 12:2**

Lord Jesus, help us to fully understand and accept that it is your desire to guide us and help us every day of our lives, if we will only keep our eyes on you. Let us be led by your Spirit within us and not by our own desires. Help us remember that your Kingdom is boundless when we walk in obedience to you. AMEN