March 1

New Life/Prayer

Answered and Unanswered

 So many times we pray and pray and wonder if our prayers are even heard much less answered – Read: Isaiah 58:9. Here we have assurance that God does hear and answer our prayers.

 All prayers are answered, there are yes or no to our requests or wait. The answer may not be the answer we want but the prayer is still answered. If we don’t get what we ask for it may be the way we are asking – Read: James 4:3. We need to pray for our own needs, but not neglecting the needs of others, and praising and thanking God for all our blessings.

 We must pray in the Name of Jesus and that God’s will be done, if we pray in this manner, then we must be willing to accept the answer that God gives us, after all GOD knows best.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Psalm 17:6.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May the Spirit lead me to patience in waiting on you, O Lord, for the answering to my prayers and to be happy in whatever the answer is!

March 2

New Life/Prayer

Prayer Examples

 Today prayer of others is a vital part of our lives.

 Jesus prayed for others:

* Jesus’ prayer for Lazarus: Read: John 11:41, 42.
* Jesus’ prayer from the cross: Read: Luke 23:34.

 Paul prayed for others too.

* Paul prayed for Israel – Read: Romans 10:1
* Paul’s Prayer for the Ephesians – Read: Ephesians 1:16.

We should pray for others specifically, not generally, by name and need if possible. USE the power of prayer to help others!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Ephesians 6:18.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Let me always remember others in my prayers, and not just myself.

March 3

New Life/Prayer

Praying for One Another

 There are many prayers for others, we can pray for healing physical and spiritual – Read: James 5:15, 16.

 We must also remember our leaders in prayer – Read: I Timothy 2:1, 2a. Pray for our president and the awesome tasks he has to perform daily and for leaders of all countries, especially those in the middle of war or natural disasters.

 Pray also for ministers and missionaries of the Gospel, that also includes each one of us as believers – Read: Colossians 4:3a.

 So pray for everyone, the person next door, the leaders of countries and the messengers of God’s Word.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Colossians 4:2

PRAYER THOUGHT: Let me always remember to you, O Lord, the needs of others and not forget to give you the honor and glory you deserve.

March 4

New Life

Wealth

 Being rich is not a sin but how we use the wealth and the power that comes with wealth can lead to sin – Read: I Timothy 6:9.

 If you are not rich becoming a Christian will not get you materially richer but – Read: I Timothy 6:6.

After all – Read: I Timothy 6:7, 8.

 Jesus gives us the perfect advice on where to store up our riches – Read: Matthew 6:19-20.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 6:21.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I use wisely the material “wealth” you do allow me to gather on this earth, but may I have my riches stored up with you, O Lord.

March 5

New Life

Christian Giving

 Whenever giving is brought up many people tune out, but there are many ways of giving; time, money and talents. First we must give of ourselves – Read: II Corinthians 8:5b.

 All giving is based on what you have to give – Read: II Corinthians 8:12.

 Your giving in all areas furthers the kingdom of God here on earth, by helping others to hear the Word of God. Your offering is between you and God only – that thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. Matthew 6:4. KJV.

 Never give if you feel it’s an imposition or a duty - but Read: II Corinthians 9:7.

VERSE FOR TODAY: II Corinthians 9:11.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I always give a portion of that which you give me, O Lord, generously and cheerfully with love for your kingdom here on earth.

March 6

New Life

The Body is a Temple

 When you have answered the invitation of the Lord and asked Him into your heart, your body becomes the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit and is His Temple. Read: I Corinthians 6:19a.

 A must to stay away from – Read: I Corinthians 6:18. And I Corinthians 6:15. This is not saying a prostitute cannot be saved, but they must turn from their body defiling life.

 There are other sins that may not be body defiling, but the thought of doing them to the Temple of God would be wrong, such as becoming drunk – Read: Ephesians 5:18. Drugs today if abused are like drunkenness of this day, but as we know have even worse affects on the body, even death.

 Keep the Temple of God, your body clean and pure.

VERSE FOR TODAY: I Corinthians 6:19, 20.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May my body not be defiled by my doing or by force. Help me to keep your Temple, O Lord, clean and pure.

March 7

New Life

Do not Judge One Another

 We are warned in the letters of the New Testament not to judge others after all we cannot know all the circumstances around their life – Read: James 4:11, 12a.

 Read: Romans 14:4a. We are not servants of one another; we are servants of God, so leave the judging to God. No matter what we think or how we judge doesn’t matter the Lord will be the final judge anyway so why risk condemnation by judging against God’s Will. – Read: Romans 2:1. Be careful not to judge anyone!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 7:1, 2.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I always leave the judging of others to you, O Lord, as you know their hearts and lives.

March 8

Christian Life

Envy/Jealousy

 An envious person hurts others, but he hurts himself most of all – Read: Proverbs 14:30. We all know what cancer can do to a person if not brought under control, it will kill, and so will jealousy kill the good in a person if not controlled.

 We’ve all been guilty at one time or another of “Keeping up with the Joneses” but we must learn not to live by worldly standards – Read: I Corinthians 3:3b. Here we can see two sets of “worldly standards”, jealousy of another’s things and living not like God would have us live spiritually but like the world.

 Jealousy can lead to uncontrolled anger – Read: Proverbs 6:34.

 Several Bible stories show us what jealousy in a family can do: Cain killed Able over the jealousy of sacrifices – Joseph’s brothers thought of death but instead sold Joseph because they were jealous of their Father’s special love for Joseph …

 Jealousy needs be avoided in all areas of our lives.

VERSE FOR TODAY: James 3:16.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord never to be poisoned with envy, but be happy for those who have better and do better than me.