

PRAYER: A Prayer of Faith (Taken from **Nehemiah 1:5-11** Revised)

We seek You O God our Heavenly Father, so great and awesome are You before the rulers and kingdoms of this world. The God who has preserved us in the covenant of blood shed for us through Christ Jesus our Lord and has loved and cared for those whom He calls His own.

Today, Father hear; the prayers of Your people and Your eyes open to our situation. Hear the prayers of Your servants that we will offer to You both day and night on behalf of Your people, the Church of the Living Christ. We come to You our God to confess that we have not always honored Your Word and lived accordingly. We have given over to the world, I have given over to the world and lived from time to time in the ways of the world. Forgive us heavenly Father.

We have spoken as a people who traded the love of God for self-aggrandizement, for that we ask forgiveness. We have set our desires above Your desire for us. We ask for Your forgiveness. Even as You have commanded those who came before us to walk in Your ways, we have stepped outside of that and walked sometimes in the ways of the world. We ask for forgiveness.

We are asking You to remember Your Word to us in these final days to bless and not to curse. To prosper and not to abase, but in whatever condition we find ourselves, we pray as in the words of Paul; "We can do all things through the Christ who strengthens us." Those who have been scattered by the cares of the world, we ask that You return them to Yourself and us. We are Your people and Your servants, the people for whom Jesus died on the cross, the redeemed of God. Through Your power and Your presence, we pray that You accept these simple words as a joy to Your heart and as a people who are completely Yours for eternity.

We look forward to Your ear being attentive and Your eye seeing our very heart's cry, for we are Your servants and I Your servant who delight and delights in Your Word and in Your love to us. Grant to us compassion and respond to this request for we are Your children and the sons and daughters of Your goodness. In the matchless, mighty and glorious name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we pray, Amen!