

## “GOD IS GLORIOUS” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

This week our prayer focuses on God Who is *Glorious*. This means that He is illustrious, full of exalted excellence and splendor, resplendent in majesty and rich in divine attributes. He is noble, excellent, renowned, celebrated, illustrious and very honorable.

It comes from our Prayer Verse: Ephesians 3:16-19 "I pray that out of *His glorious* riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, *that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*"

Our encouragement from these verses comes from Paul who is asking God, out of *His glorious* riches, to strengthen the believers with power by His very Own Holy Spirit so their resolve to maintain faith in Christ will grow. When we think of the *glorious* riches of God and how He uses them to strengthen us, it is almost incomprehensible. His *glorious* riches include His abundant fullness and eternal salvation, His possessing of all things and His ability to supply all of our needs; spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. God is *glorious* and He does all of this for us because of His *glory* and for the sake of His *glory*. His *glory* is seen in Christ Jesus and what He did for us, and when we let His Holy Spirit empower us to understand this precious gift, our hearts grow closer to Him and our love and faith grow deeper for Him. Once we are rooted in that understanding and love, we have God's power to truly grasp how wide, long, high and deep the love of Christ is for us. This love surpasses all normal human understanding and yet the *glorious* heart of the Father helps us to understand it. Once we do, our hearts become filled with the fullness of all God has to offer, along with His power and presence. This fullness, power and presence brings to us all those glorious gifts and graces that belong to God and all that He promised to bestow on us from His Word. These gifts include His promises of a personal relationship with us, of providing for our needs, of upholding us in times of struggles and empowering us with His *glorious* presence as we walk this earth with Him. What a *glorious* God we have so let us pray that we will understand what this truly means and worship Him for Who He is! Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts as and praise You for being *Glorious*. Lord, we pray that out of *Your glorious* riches You may strengthen me and...

*(names of those you are praying for)*

with power through Your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. We pray that we, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all of Your holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that we may be *filled to the measure of all the fullness of You*. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Father, we were yours before we were ever anyone else's and we trust in You that You will do this for us as we humbly ask, all for the glory of Your name. In Your precious Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.