

“GOD IS GRACIOUS” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is *Gracious*. He is the One Who is *full of grace*, kindness, mercy and compassion for us.

It comes from our Prayer Verse: Psalm 145:8 "The Lord is *gracious*, and *full of compassion*; slow to anger, and of great mercy."

Our encouragement from this verse is that the Lord's divine nature is *Gracious*, it is Who He is and what He offers us. Because of His divine character of *graciousness*, He desires to offer us His *full* supply of favor, kindness, mercy and compassion. This means He desires to forgive us of our offenses and is willing to offer us underserved blessings in our lives. Nehemiah 19:17 says "...but Thou art a God ready to pardon, *gracious* and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and *forsook them not*." Our God does not forsake us, He watches over us and is ready to pardon us the second we ask for His forgiveness. He holds nothing against us because He is full of *gracious* compassion for us, even when we walk in darkness at times. He offers us His ocean of *grace*, mercy and slowness of anger. When we mess up, our Lord is long suffering for us, drawing us to Him even in our trials and struggles. Out of His *gracious* character, He will do what He knows is best even when it may hurt. But that does not mean He does not care for us, in fact it proves His *graciousness* to us because He is willing to walk *with* us as we suffer in those seasons, never leaving us even when we turn from Him in times of anger, but always there to offer His strength, power and provision as we look to Him and walk through it with Him. He *graciously* offers *everything* our soul needs while here on earth and throughout all eternity by giving us His Son, Jesus, for our sins. He really is a *gracious* God to offer all of this to us, offering to us all of *Who He is*. Let us pray that we will understand this divine character of God and how He freely offers it to us. Let us pray that we will walk in a right relationship with Him, understanding His *grace*, compassion, forbearance and mercy that He offers to us every day and that we will grasp how deep and wide and long and high His love is for us through the precious blood of His Son! Let us pray...

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being *Gracious*. O Lord, please help me and...

(names of those you are praying for)

know that You are *Gracious*, and full of compassion for us. Please help us understand that You are slow to anger and are full of great mercy. Lord, we lift this up to You, trusting You in all things in our lives because of Who You are. 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, thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name alone. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen."