

“GOD IS HOLY” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is *Holy*. He is the One Who is spiritually perfect and pure, sinless and deserving adoration.

It comes from our Prayer Verse, I Peter 1:15-16: "But just as He Who called you is *Holy*, so be *holy* in all you do; for it is written: 'Be *holy*, because I am *Holy*.'"

Our encouragement from these verses starts with God. When we really think about life and our existence, everything starts with our *Holy* God because He is the One Who created it all and sustains it all. Our verse starts with "But just as He...is *Holy*" In other words, our God is spiritually perfect, pure, sinless and deserving adoration. God's whole entire being is perfect in every moral sense. He is pure in heart and temperament and free from sin and sinful affections. His character is perfectly pure in every way because He is the One Who is righteous and pure in every aspect of His being. This separates Him from His creation, making Him worthy and deserving of our adoration. And yet, as Peter writes this, he reminds us that this very same *Holy* God lovingly reaches down into His creation and "calls us" to Him through His Son, Jesus, so we too may be a part of that inheritance of being *holy*. This doesn't mean that we will be like God or His Son, but it means because of the gift of His Son, we become His adopted children, *heirs to all He offers*. This includes being empowered to live *holy* lives by the indwelling of His Own *Holy* Spirit. His Spirit empowers us to live *holy* lives in an unholy world, helping us make right choices (*holy* choices) that bring glory to His name. Let us pray that we and our loved ones will recognize the *Holy* God that gave us this wonderful gift and that we will humble our hearts before His mighty throne. Let us pray that we will give Him the adoration He deserves for Who He is and what He has done for us. Let us pray that we will accept His love and forgiveness that He so freely gave us through the sacrifice of His Son and still gives to us each and every day as we walk this earth. Let us pray that we will understand His *Holy* love for us, that it is perfect and beyond measure. Let us pray that in return we will live our lives empowered by the presence of His Own *Holy* Spirit, listening to Him as He guides us in every decision we must make throughout their lives. Let us pray that out of our own love for the Lord (and He can grow this in the hearts of those we are praying for even if we don't see it now...), that we will live lives that are *holy* and pleasing to Him because of Who He is, what He has done for us and who we are to Him. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being *Holy*. We pray that just as You Who called us is *Holy*, that I and..

(names of those you are praying for)

will be *holy* in all we do; help us understand what it means when Your word says "for as it is written: 'Be *holy*, because I Am *Holy*.' Lord, we believe You desire to do this for us for it is in Your Word. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen."