

## **“GOD IS LIGHT” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER**

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is *Light*. He is the One Who spiritually illuminates our hearts, *enlightening* us with His Truth.

It comes from our Prayer Verses this week: John 8:12b and Romans 13:12b "(Jesus) said, 'I am the *Light* of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the *Light of Life*.' ... So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of *Light*."

Our encouragement from these words is that Jesus is our true source of *Light*. He keeps us from wandering aimlessly in the darkness of this world and in our sin by delivering us by His Own love and sacrifice (by giving Himself for us) and then giving us the gift of His Holy Spirit (the Counselor). He is the *Light* that guides us along the way of life, giving us the knowledge of the real meaning of life and an understanding that we are living for eternity and not for this present age only. Christ is the true *Light* that lights our way in this dark world of sin. We can trust that no matter where we are or what we are facing, He is always there, willing to give us His *light* through His Holy Spirit's direction and leading. His *light* illuminates the dark recesses of our hearts with spiritual understanding and discernment and guides us with His truth and love as we walk this world with Him. The world may offer us temporary things that satisfy but for a moment, but He offers Truth, Life, Joy and Peace that lasts now and into eternity. He will do this for us but we must pray we will put aside the deeds of darkness that the enemy is trying to bind us with, things that we may think is okay because the culture says it is okay, but we must pray that the Lord will *enlighten* us in His truth so we will not be blinded anymore by the enemy. Let us pray that we will cast off these things and turn to our true *Light*, our Savior, Who places on us His protective covering of righteousness and ask that we will follow Him and His Spirit's leading so we will not walk in that darkness that the enemy so loves to blind us with. Let us pray that we will accept Him as the *Light* of our own hearts so we may put on His armor of *Light* which includes His belt of Truth, His breastplate of righteousness, His shoes of peace, His shield of faith, His helmet of salvation, His sword of the Spirit and that we will pray at all times, wherever we are, so we may walk this life in the peace and joy He so abundantly and freely offers us because He is the *Light* of this world and the *Light* of our hearts. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for sending Jesus to be the *Light* of this world and the *Light* in our hearts. We ask that He will also be the *Light* in the hearts of:

*(names of those you are praying for)*

and that we all will follow You and never walk in darkness, but will have You as the *Light* of our Life. Please, help us set aside the deeds of darkness and put on Your Armor of *Light*. 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."