

“GOD IS OUR COUNSELOR” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is our *Counselor*. He is the One Who *counsels* us in every need or situation we face as we walk this journey called 'life'. He is the only One Who gives us the perfect truth, advice, guidance and direction to live our lives out in accordance to His will, for His glory and for our peace. He doesn't leave us to figure it out, He gives us His Own Holy Spirit to do this, the great *Counselor*.

It comes from our prayer verse: John 14:16-17 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper ('*Counselor*'), that He may remain with you forever - The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (and take to its heart) because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you (constantly) and will be in you."

Our encouragement from these verses first of all is that the Father and Son are united as One with the Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:2, Matt. 10:20, Phil. 1:19). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the Heavenly Father, and the Spirit of Christ, the Son. The beautiful part in these verses is that Jesus, *Himself*, is saying that He is going to ask the Father to give us Their Spirit and the Father will! Not maybe, but will! Because of what Jesus has done for us in the sacrificial gift of His life for our sins (Romans 3:23, John 3:16), we have the full presence of the Holy Spirit, the *Counselor*, living in us to help us face life's challenges in this world we live in, giving us the *counsel* we need as we walk daily in this life. This *Counselor* intercedes for us to the Father, He advocates for us, He strengthens us to live in a world that bombards us with sinful messages and temptations and He standbys us with His Words of truth and wisdom to overcome those temptations. He gives us direction, guidance and advice that is perfectly what we need in *every* situation. Let us pray that we will turn a listening ear, humbling our hearts to His call. Let us pray for us and those we are lifting up to Him that if we do not have this personal relationship with Him, we will open our hearts to His call, turning to our Savior and receive this precious gift. Let us pray that we will know that His presence, His *Counselor*, is with us *constantly*, that we are *never left alone* to figure it all out for ourselves, but that He resides in us, speaking truth and encouragement to us every moment of everyday. Let us pray that we will rest in the comforting presence of our *Counselor*:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being our "*Counselor*". Thank-you, Lord Jesus, for asking the Father to give us and ...

(names of those you are praying for)

Your *Counselor*, Your Holy Spirit, and that He may remain with us forever. Thank-you for Your Spirit of Truth, that even though the world cannot receive Him because they do not see or recognize Him, we all will know and recognize Him for we pray He lives in us and will be with us because 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.