

Prayer Meeting – July 13, 2016

Praying through Ruth

Ruth 1:8, 9 May the LORD deal kindly (*hesed*) with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!"

Who do you need to pray for, that God would bring kindness, mercy, grace (hesed) into their life?

Who do you need to pray for that God would bring peace and protection into their life?

Ruth needed a husband. Who do you know that is great need of something specific? Take a minute and cry out for God to work in their life.

Ruth 2:12 The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!

Pray for those who are faithfully laboring for the LORD.

Are you sheltering under the wing of the Almighty? Ask God to draw you close and show you His protection and care.

Who do you know that desperately needs to take refuge under the protecting wing of the LORD? Spend a few minutes and ask for God to draw them to Himself and extend His protection over them.

Ruth 2:20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.

Who has done a kind deed for you? Take a minute and thank God for their kindness and ask for His blessing upon them

Boaz is a picture of our redeemer, take a minute and praise God for His redemption (Eph. 1:3-14; 1 Pet 2:21-25; Col 2:13-15)

Ruth 3:10 And he said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

Here Boaz is utterly flattered by Ruth implicit request that she is interested in him. The LORD answered Boaz's prayer by allowing Boaz himself to redeem Ruth as his wife.

Ruth 4:11-12 May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman."

The city elders pray that Ruth be redeemed by Boaz and that she would become a godly woman of valor and character much like Israel's matriarch's Rachel and Leah. This prayer is answered as Ruth becomes the great-grandmother of King David.

What prayer has God answered for you lately? Take a few minutes and thank Him for specific answered prayer.

Ruth 4:14 And the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him

God answered Ruth's prayer with the birth of a son. The women prayed that God would use this son for His glory. Please take a few minutes and pray for the children God has given you, to live for Christ and be used in many ways.

Pray that God would use the youth of this church to bring many to Christ and much glory to His name.

Pray that God would use the upcoming VBS to share Christ with many young people who have not heard or not accepted Jesus as their redeemer.

Pray that God would be working in and through the camps that are working to share Christ with young people. Pray for the speakers, the counselors, the directors and all who are involved.