

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 34

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of the Kingdom – The Hungry

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:6 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: Jesus continues with His teaching on this fruit of the Kingdom by saying, blessed are those who hunger and thirst. But this is not just any hungering or thirsting. One does not have to live long on this earth to know hungering and thirsting in the natural. At the earliest age, a baby is hungry for its mother's milk. And at the end of life, often those who are dying will ask for water to sooth their parched throats. It is a sad thing to see those in many parts of our world who die of hunger or thirst. Yet Jesus speaks of a different type of hungering and thirsting here. A hungering and thirsting for righteousness. What is this kind of hungering and thirsting? It is a deep soul desire in the first place for forgiveness, and right standing with God. It is an intense desire to return to our original design and purpose, to be companions with the Living God. Sin broke that bond, and within each person, Ecclesiastes 3:11 says God put eternity in the hearts of men, yet they could not comprehend the works of God. The Old Testament sacrifices of goats and bulls were only a temporary remedy for the problem of sin. When Jesus died on the cross, he paid the full penalty for sin, in order to restore that broken relationship. Those who hunger will be filled. Those who hunger for more of God will be filled with the joy of that fellowship that made us to enjoy our creator. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness in society may not always see it here, but there is coming a day when all those longings for God's righteous rule will be fulfilled in the new heaven and new earth. Be hungry for God and His righteousness and He promises you will be filled.

Day 1: Ask the Lord to show you today the things that you are truly hungry for in your life.

Day 2: Worship the Lord that He has made the path or righteousness through the blood of Jesus.

Day 3: Study today in Scripture verses that talk about righteousness in our lives and conduct.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to give you a greater hunger for Himself and His righteousness.

Day 5: Intercede for your church today, that they might be making disciples who seek righteousness.

Day 6: Pray that other churches in your city would be teaching a hunger for the things and person of God.

Day 7: Pray for the missionaries you know, that they will be models of hungering for righteousness.