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PRAYER LIFE WITH HE WHO HOLD US PRECIOUS THE DIVINE ONE – SUPREME IN HIS BEING – JESUS OUR CHRIST

One hope is for each person to gain an even deeper awareness of the intimacy of one's relationship with Jesus. For not only is He the promised Christ, He is the Word Who became Incarnate and our Father. And with the help of prayer, we have an opportunity to better remember Him in constant remembrance and in every aspect of our daily life. It is not always easy, with many challenges, but the rewards is to know our Father to be first in our life and His One Way, our first priority.

With this as our beginning, the first fruit is to more fully appreciate, with a profound thankfulness, all He has done for us, even when we may forget Him. Such brings a clearer understanding of our Baptism; of our being washed, cleansed, healed and born again anew unto our relationship with Jesus and the Wisdom of His Incarnation. For such is the spirit of repentance, of forgiveness, and Resurrection of our once broken trust relationship with Him.

Our course on Prayer is for those seeking to better know and commune with Jesus, not only because He is the Christ, but more, He is the Father of Creation <u>and</u> "our Father" by generation. This prayerful significance is in knowing, confirmed by Scripture, that our loving Father invites us to sup with Him, at His Banquet Feast Table – His Cross of Good Friday. The beauty of this is that in pray, it can be experienced at home, on the road, and in Church. Thus let us give Him thanks always, with joyful gratitude and appreciation for His Grace.

Truly we need the guidance of the Word and His Incarnational Wisdom. For He is the Anointed Son of His eternal Father, from in the beginning. And prayer is an excellent tool to avoid falling into the vanities, snares, and failures of the foolish wisdom of man and hopeless ways of those, who with purpose, turned their back on Him, His Spirit that is Holy, and all His Prophets, even Moses.

We need His Wisdom and prayers of the Church, as we mature in our faith in His love for us and prune away our own foolishness. In this way, we do not fear to test all things, as He asks, nor meet the challenge of others, in kindness.

Please accept our one-on-one invitation to study prayer together. It is worthy.

Sincerely.

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