<u>Praver Topic #21</u>: A Declaration for the Weather in the Greater Houston Area

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 115, James 5:17-18

Reflections of the Heart:

In Mark 4:35-39, Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with His head on a cushion. Fearful, His disciples woke Him because of the raging storm in the Sea of Galilee. Jesus awoke, rebuked the storm and the storm ceased. Be assured that when Jesus is on board, the weather will listen.

Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the favor and mercy You have shown the Greater Houston Area over the years. Thank You for blessing our city with abundance, peace, and security. We thank You for a quiet and peaceful hurricane season in our area this year. You are a great and merciful Father. We know Your greatness Lord, that You are greater than any other god. You do whatever pleases You throughout all heaven and earth, on the seas and in the depths. You cause the clouds to rise over the whole earth. You send the lightning with the rain and release the wind from your storehouses. Lord, Your Name endures forever, Your fame is known to every generation.

Worthy Father, during this hurricane season, we will continue to operate in the authority and power given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ and we command peace to be still in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. We know that faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it's the assurance about things we cannot see. Therefore, by faith, we confess that the sea surface temperature in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico will not rise above 80 degrees. We decree that the wind shear in the Atlantic will cut any storms off in the development stage and hinder vertical rings of clouds from forming. We confess that the barometric pressure and air density will not drop to a level that would allow violent storm and hurricane disturbances. We declare calm weather for the Greater Houston Area and the Gulf Coast region during hurricane season. We will receive the right amount of rain to keep the ground moist and the vegetation well-watered, but not too much to cause flooding. By faith, we declare that our weather will be a perfect balance of sunshine, rain and moderate temperatures.

Holy Spirit, help each believer to walk in boldness and authority and expect the weather to be calm as we decree Your Word over the weather situation. Lord Jesus, You said we could ask anything in Your Name, so we ask You to touch the hearts of believers throughout this region to decree Your Word concerning the weather. Holy Spirit, please help the residents in the Greater Houston Area and surrounding areas who are still trying to recover. Remind us all to be good stewards over our water resources.

Ask the Holy Spirit how you should intercede for the weather patterns as they develop:

Faithful Father, forgive the residents of our city for all acts of sinfulness that would cause the weather to respond in a harmful way. Forgive us for not believing that all things are possible through Jesus Christ who strengthens us. Forgive us for walking in doubt, unbelief, arrogance, and pride. Lord, forgive me for <u>(list any sins that you have committed</u>). Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. **(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)**

Holy Spirit, help us all not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Majestic Lord, You are the blessed and only Sovereign One. You are the King of kings and Lord of lords, who rides across the ancient heavens. O God, You are awesome in Your sanctuary. You are the God of Israel who gives strength and power to Your people. Blessed are You, forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text (NKJV & NLT)</u>: Psalm 135:5-7,13, Mark 4:35-39, Hebrews 11:1, John 14:14, Philippians 4:13, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 19:16, Psalm 68:33,35

Today, I will trust God to: