

# **The City Church, New York**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Sunday October 1, 2006**

Jerome translated the Bible into Latin. While writing Bible commentary in Bethlehem, he died. This day in AD 420 was his first day in The Holy City, New Jerusalem.

Let us pray.

God of All Truth: We thank You for the Bible – Your Word of Truth. So we thank You that Jerome had words worth translating. Thank You for him and for all Christian scholars. Thank You for the gifts of their minds, diligence and faithfulness in giving of all their talents and energies to further understanding and defense of Your revelation in Scripture and in all creation. May we be worthy of the fruit of their work. Grant that we may be grateful enough to do our parts to build on the foundations of their labors through our own study and our sharing with others what we learn, that we and they might come to a fuller and more obedient knowledge of the truth that is in the Christ of the Scriptures, our Living Lord. May we never settle for the superficial, the merely skeptical and the self-serving secular when sacred treasures have been so graciously provided. May we truly seek that we might truly find and knock at the door with boldness that the door might be opened, for You have promised that if we do seek with all our hearts and knock in earnest, You will, indeed, give us what we need.

We pray for young Christians who have begun another year at colleges and universities. Guide them into all truth. Guard them from those who would try to destroy their faith in You. Give courage and wisdom to teachers, campus ministers and student leaders in Christian outreach. May these days of intellectual exploration and expression also be days of self-examination and days of discovery of the meanings that matter most.

Lord, give us all a deeper hunger and thirst for righteousness. Turn all our troubles into times for testing to transform us into the people You would have us to be. Instead of our complaining about difficulties, may we see in the challenges of this life, the lessons we need to learn for our growing into that life that's more abundant.

Thank You for answering our prayers according to Your wise and loving Heart as we pray the words we were taught to pray saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.