

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 10 May 2020

The 4 Ps of Prayer

What is prayer? To me, prayer is fundamentally our relationship with God. Prayer should change us. Transformation is integral in prayer. When we go to God in prayer, we can expect to be changed through that process.

Transformation begins with right spiritual **POSTURE**. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is therefore deeply instructive. If prayer is seeking the Lord, then we must humble ourselves, confess our sins, repent and then seek His face with a pure heart.

So before you pray, humble yourselves. Ask the Spirit to search your heart, reveal sins known or unknown, so that you can confess and make the choice to repent. By doing so, you are already on the path of transformation.

Now, what do we pray for? You can follow a list and that is fine. But allow me to share a framework for you to consider.

First, pray for the **PURPOSES** of GOD to be accomplished. God's ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:9), and His purposes cannot be thwarted (Job 42:2) and many are the plans of men, but His purposes will prevail (Proverbs 19:21). Let's intercede for God to accomplish His mighty and sovereign purposes in and through this current COVID-19 pandemic. He is seated on the throne. He is the Almighty God!

Next, intercede for God's **PROVISION** for all who are in need, physically, emotionally or spiritually. Pray according to Scripture that our God provides His refuge (Psalm 46:1), supplies every need (Philippians 4:19), gives us His daily bread (Matthew 6:11), and grants His comfort and sustaining strength for the least, last and lost (Psalm 146:9).

Finally, pray for *our* **PARTICIPATION**. Pray that we will be willing participants of God's unfolding purposes. Pray that we will be His hands and feet. Pray that we will be His salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16). Pray that we will go forth and make disciples even in these times, using creative and technological means, and even reverting to old-fashioned ways like the trusted phone call.

Above all, be led by the Spirit. Pray in the Spirit, with all kinds of prayer, for all people (Ephesians 6:18).

Let's humble ourselves, offer a pure heart, and intercede for God's purposes to be accomplished, His provision to be encountered and our participation to be persevering in such perilous times.

So let's pray! Let your prayer change you.

Seeking God with you
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Prayer Pointers for Covid-19

1. Pray that the Lord will provide adequate medical supply to all the governments of the world in their fight against the transmission of Covid-19 and grant them wisdom to oversee the affairs of their nations during this challenging time.
2. Pray that the Christian community in every part of the world will be united in the Spirit to pray for a divine intervention to stop the transmission of the Covid-19 and destroy its destructive power upon the people of the world.
3. Pray that the Lord will set a “hedge of protection” over all the medical and essential services personnel; keeping them and their families from being infected and strengthening them physically, mentally and emotionally in the course of their duty.
4. Pray that the healing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will come upon all the migrant workers in our nation to restore them fully to good health and that His peace will give them hope during this difficult period of their life.
5. Pray that the citizens of Singapore will co-operate with the government to abide by the advisory measures even though there will be some easing of restrictions in the coming weeks that they will to play their part to restrain the transmission of the Covid-19 through the society.

We Are Here For You!

- Perhaps you are going through a challenging time, and you need someone to pray with you, our pastoral team is here and ready to journey with you.
- Even though we may not be able to be with you in person, we can still reach you via telephone and other means.
- You may submit any Prayer Requests online via our church website at <https://www.faithmc.sg/care-help/prayer-requests/>.