

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 24 May 2020

Bless God For His Benefits

Psalm 103:1-5

Psalm 103 is a hymn of praise, celebrating the abundant goodness and love of God for His people. The psalmist recalls and reflects on God's steadfast love in His dealing with His people from the time of creation to the exile. Here he is speaking to his own soul and telling his soul to remember and not be sluggish, unthankful or unresponsive to God for His many benefits, especially His enduring love and covenantal faithfulness to His people.

The five marvellous "benefits" listed are: forgiveness of their sins, healing of all diseases, redeeming their life from destruction, crowning them with steadfast love and tender mercies, and satisfying them with good things so that their youth is renewed like the eagle's (Ps. 103:3-5).

To remember and be thankful for these blessings of the Lord does wonders to the soul. The soul thrives on gratitude which does not come naturally. Gratitude comes from a posture of humility. We will not always feel grateful but we can take time each day to remember and be thankful.

An attitude of gratitude helps us to see the things and happenings in our lives from God's perspective. When we remember God's goodness and faithfulness and what He has done for us, we find new strength and grace to press on in our faith, knowing that He is sovereign over our lives, our circumstances, the trials that we face, and even in this Covid-19 situation He will work things out for our good and for His glory.

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Prayer Pointers for Covid-19

1. Let us thank God for the opportunity during this Circuit Breaker Period to pause and re-examine our priorities and what matters most in life. Pray for realignment to the Father's heart and will. Pray for times of refreshing in His presence and renewal of our spirit, mind and body.
2. Pray that we will individually take time to be holy and spend much time in fellowship with the Lord. Pray that we will not resist the Holy Spirit's workings in our lives to make us holy. Pray for Refiner's fire to burn away the dross in our lives, that our hearts may be purified, made holy and set ablaze for God's name and kingdom purpose.
3. Pray that our Faith church family will be set apart as God's chosen people, royal priesthood, holy nation, His special possession that we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light (1 Pet. 2:9). Pray that God will use us to be His hands and feet to bring His light to places of darkness and His hope and salvation to the least, the last and the lost.
4. Pray for our nation Singapore that the fire of the Holy Spirit will sweep across our land to bring about a spiritual awakening through this crisis. Pray that the Lord will cause a spiritual hunger and thirst for the Good News to come upon the people of our nation. Pray for the veil covering the people's eyes to be lifted that they will see His light, for their ears to be unblocked to hear of His love, and their hearts to be tender to respond to His salvation.
5. Pray that the nations and world leaders will not trust in "chariots" or "horses" but in the name of the Lord to solve this crisis. Pray that the world "will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14) and multitudes from the nations will come to call upon the name of the Lord and be saved (Rom. 10:13) as a result of this crisis.

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/>.