

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 19 July 2020

Declare His Glory Among The Nations

“Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.”

- Psalm 96:2-4

Some of us might have the impression that the call to Missions started with the Great Commission in Matthew 28. The call to Missions in fact started in the Old Testament. God called Israel as a nation to declare His glory among the nations and his marvellous works among all the peoples. Israel was also told to be holy so that they can be set apart from the nations around them, that Israel can be “the light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6).

The nations have always been upon God’s heart, his heart for missions threads through the entire Bible. In the New Testament, the Church inherited this call to bring the good news to the nations. The Church, like Israel, is to declare God’s glory to the nations and to tell of his marvellous works among all the peoples.

We know from history that Israel did not fulfil this call to the nations; in fact God had to forcefully disperse them from Israel so that they lived among the nations. God’s people are called to be a “royal priesthood and holy nation” so that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. This is God’s clarion call to Israel (Exodus 19:6) and also to the Church (1 Peter 2:9).

Have we, His Church, been faithful to this call? What will it take for us as a Church to take this call seriously? Let’s consider how we can, individually and as a church, answer this call to bless the nations.

July is Missions Month in Faith MC. Let’s take time to pray and intercede for the following areas:

Mission Workers

Pray for our mission workers, both local and overseas, and their families. Many of them have been serving the Lord faithfully for decades; pray for the Lord’s abiding love and presence to encounter them each day. Pray for protection and health upon them as they serve God and His people.

Acts 1:8 Fields

Pray for our Acts 1:8 fields in Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, that many more will hear of God’s glory and marvellous works, that they will be ushered into the Kingdom of light.

Acts 1:8 Field Partners

We have a group of faithful partners in each of these Acts 1:8 fields. Pray that the Lord will empower and guide them as they lead the community transformation in each of their fields. Pray for favour with the authorities and the communities that they are working in. Ask the Lord also for God-glorifying and continued strong relationships with Faith MC as we partner them.

Missions Volunteers

Among our congregation, we have some who serve in the area of missions as committee members, field coordinators, regular Acts 1:8 trippers. Pray that the Lord will refresh and strengthen them as they continue to serve the Lord faithfully in terms of missions. Pray for a renewed vision for the work that the Lord has called each of them to.

Yourself

Ask the Lord to ignite in you a passion for His call to the nations that you will find your God-given assignment in fulfilling the Great Commission that He has given to each of us as His followers.

Do register to join us for the missions-focused **Corporate House of Prayer on 29 Jul** which will be via ZOOM. Let's pray as One Family for our mission fields, our mission workers and the nations!

Sign up at <https://faithmc.sg/chop>

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Prayer Pointers for Covid-19

1. The public health infrastructure in **India** has been overstretched by their handling of the Covid-19 cases and with 1.3 billion people, a complete testing is challenging. Over 850,000 are infected and more than 22,000 deaths. Pray for a divine intervention to stop the transmission of Covid-19 and full recovery of those who are suffering.
2. The people of **Brazil** do not implement the preventive measures seriously and there is a great lack of testing kits for Covid-19. Over 1.8 million are infected, with 71,000 deaths. Pray that the Lord will provide sufficient aid, testing kits and wisdom for the government to mount an effort to fight the widespread of the virus.
3. **United States of America** has 3.3 million people infected with Covid-19 and more than 170,000 deaths. Pray that the Lord will stir the hearts of the people to take safety measures seriously and abide by the advisory regulations to stop the spread of the virus.

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.faimc.sg/care-help/prayer-requests/>.