

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 2 August 2020

Glorify Ye The Lord In The Fires

“Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.”

- *Isaiah 24:15 KJV*

Notice the preposition ‘in’. It is precisely there in the heat of the fire that we are to glorify our Lord. This pandemic that we are going through is in itself like a ‘fire’ or a trial. Or the ‘fire’ could be a physical illness or any kinds of adversities that one may be facing. Whatever it is, God’s Word exhorts us to glorify Him even in our darkest trials.

When we go through the ‘fires’, it is a test of our faith. The experience may be like a hammer crushing everything in its path, pushing us to despair or misery. Or it can be a glorious learning experience where we trust God and allow Him to shape and mould us from the inside-out. The difference then lies in the choice we make: To see our trials through the eyes of faith or not.

There is a certain glory of the Master that can only be seen when we go through ‘trials’ with Him. God often brings out the sweetest discoveries of Himself through our trials.

Has this COVID-19 situation drawn you closer to God? Does it make you cling even more closely to the promises of God? God’s Word assures us in James 4:8 “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”

Going through trials also makes us value life and the relationships that God has blessed us with. God’s love for us is constant, in good and in bad times. And for these reasons and more, we glorify Him. We glorify God when we acknowledge our utter dependence on Him. We glorify God when despite our sufferings, others can see that we walk with a spring in our steps, with an undeniable peace and joy that only He can give. We glorify God when we express radical kindness to others in the midst of our trials.

Let’s anchor ourselves steadfastly upon our Lord Jesus Christ who will keep us safe even in the ‘fires’. He has never promised us an easy passage through life; only a safe landing. A safe landing in the arms of Him and for eternity! To God be the glory!

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Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for the Pastors of Faith, Pastor-in-Charge Raymond Fong, Pastor Peter Koh, Pastor John Foo and Pastor Eddie Ho that the Lord will anoint them with His wisdom to shepherd the flock and the joy of the Lord will be their strength to manage the ministry.
2. Pray that members of Faith attending the specially-arranged Holy Communion Services in the month of August will be encouraged in their faith, blessed with the peace of Jesus Christ and strengthened in the fellowship of saints.
3. Pray that the Lord will guide the government of Singapore in the next phase of nation building through this time of uncertainty and grant them with the spirit of justice, truth and love in making good policies to achieve happiness, prosperity and progress for our nation.
4. Pray for the recovery of our economy as the Ministry of Trade and Industry has forecasted a minus 7% GDP growth which means every sector of our economy is going into a downhill trend resulting in high rate of unemployment and closing down of businesses.
5. Pray for speedy relief and aid to reach the people hit by natural catastrophes:
 - **China** - Torrential rains in the regions of Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangxi, Hunan, Jiangxi, Fujian and Zhejiang have caused massive flooding displacing people and destroying properties.
 - **Japan** - More than 1.2 million people have been advised to evacuate their homes on the southern island of Kyushu, as torrential rains continue to lash southwestern Japan. At least 50 people have died and a dozen are missing.
 - **Nepal** - Heavy rains triggered flash floods and landslides in the north-west region of Nepal which have displaced many people from their houses and claimed more than 40 lives. The incessant rains will continue to inundate the low plains of Nepal causing damages to the farmland.
 - **Bangladesh** - Heavy torrential rains, which lasted for weeks, have caused deadly flooding, widespread death and damage. Almost one-third of this impoverished nation is underwater. At least 81 people have died, with almost three million people displaced.

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/>.