

# Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 9 August 2020

## ***Living Wisely In Times Like These***

*“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise.”*

*- Ephesians 5:15 (NLT)*

Whether or not the world is being gripped by a pandemic, conspiracy theories abound. But the widespread of conspiracy theories, rumours, and fake news during uncertain times becomes especially rampant.

Seeking understanding and certainty is human nature; it seeks control and security in uncertain times and so we go in search for answers and would happily land on any answer that seems to make sense, even if they are not the truth. Postmodernism has created a culture where we believe what we *choose* to believe, as opposed to the objective reality; not in evaluating facts and doing our own investigation.

Christians especially seem to be disproportionately fooled by conspiracy theories. But a theory is just that – “an idea used to account for a situation”. So it is nothing more than someone’s opinion or explanation for something that is not necessarily founded on facts or the truth. Falsehoods only serve to promote fear, unnecessary panic,

even anger and hatred. But the Lord has not given us a spirit of fear. No! He has given us a spirit of power, love, and *self-discipline*<sup>1</sup> (2 Tim 1:7).

When Christians spread conspiracy theories, fake news, and falsehoods without verifying, it is tantamount to spreading lies. It makes us look foolish and hurts our witness to the world. God’s Word calls us to be wise and discerning (Eph 5:15). Christians especially need to be discerning and thoughtful in our beliefs and in what we share with others. What would happen if we start believing that the Covid-19 vaccine is evil and advise everyone against getting vaccinated?

May we all be anchored upon God’s truth and to always seek God’s wisdom and truth whichever season we are in.

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<sup>1</sup> The Greek word “*sóphronismos*” means “aptly acting out God’s will by doing what He calls sound reasoning”. This word is used only in 2 Tim 1:7.

## **Prayer Pointers**

1. As Singapore celebrates her 55<sup>th</sup> National Day, pray that the Lord will continue to protect our nation from all natural catastrophes, from economic failures, racial crisis and terror threats; and shower His favour upon Singapore to be a blessing to all the surrounding nations.
2. Pray that the Lord will bestow His wisdom upon the Singapore government leaders to come up with innovative ideas of rallying the people together in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and to acquire realistic solution to keep the economy of the nation healthy and strong.
3. Pray that the Lord will release His divine provision over Singapore during this difficult time of the Covid-19 pandemic so that there will always be a source of food supply, that there will be no disruption to potable water supply, that there will be no stoppage to fuel supply, and that there will be the availability of electricity supply to sustain the life of this city state.
4. Pray for divine protection over all the medical personnel and the essential services staff who have been working indefatigably to keep the number of the infection at the minimum level, for divine insight over the ministerial committee taking care of the crisis to continue their good work, and for divine thoughtfulness over all the citizens of Singapore to take personal hygiene seriously as the first line of defence against the virus.
5. Pray that the Christian community will not forget their responsibility of bearing witness to the love of Jesus Christ; that they will avail themselves to do the work of mercy during this difficult period in the history of our nation and to accomplish the assignment of the Lord of making Singapore to be the “Antioch of Asia” for His glory.

## **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/>.