

# Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 16 August 2020

## **Confidence For Challenging Life Situations**

*“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”*

- *Psalm 27:1*

Where and to whom do you go when life seems too much to handle; when everything is dark and discouraging; when there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel? As Christians, how do we find a rock solid place of confidence when all else is swirling about us? It is this ability to stand confidently that sets us apart and gives testimony to the presence of God in our lives.

For the psalmist, the LORD is his “light”, “salvation” and “stronghold of life”– the secure place when all else fails. As king, David faced many perilous times but from the days of his youth, he learned the importance of trusting in God. The LORD is the illuminating light that vanquishes the deep shadow of death threatening him and marks out the path of righteousness along which God leads him. The LORD is also the life-saving stronghold that delivers him from the attacks of his enemies. He recounts the times when God helped him to fight Goliath; when his enemies who were after his life, just stumbled and fell

because God was with him (Ps 27:2-3). Through such experiences he was confident of the LORD’s protective presence, guidance and care for him always. He believed that because God gave him help in the past, He will in the future.

What about you today? As you go through these unprecedented times of a global pandemic, economic recession and a host of challenges that come with it, do you have the same confidence in the LORD as David?

For David, his unshakable confidence and victory over challenging life situations is anchored on his relationship with the LORD and daily meditation on His word: *“... but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night” (Ps 1:2).*

If we lack David’s confidence, could it be because we do not spend time each day with the LORD, growing in intimacy and relationship with Him? We often use the excuse of being too busy to spend time with the LORD every single day, but the truth is, we do not have enough time not to spend with the LORD each day. This daily “fix” is the secret to standing confidently firm in the face of challenging life situations; giving glory to God for His work in our lives.

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## Prayer Pointers

1. Let's offer praise and thanksgiving to the LORD on behalf of our nation Singapore and acknowledge Him as the ultimate reason for Singapore's shalom and success the past 55 years of nation-building. Ask the LORD to raise successive generations of leaders who genuinely love Singapore – leaders of character and courage, committed to do what is right for the sake of our nation's long-term well-being and lead her into the next phase of nationhood.
2. Pray that during this time of uncertainty due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Christian community will be filled with new zeal and find new innovative ways to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach every tribe, every nation and every peoples group of the world.
3. As most countries begin their safe transition towards a "new normal" in which social and economic life can function, pray that it will not lead to a resurgence of the Covid-19 infection and that the people will be responsible for their personal hygiene as the first line of protection against the infection.
4. Pray for a breakthrough in vaccine development to stop the virus infection and to cure the afflicted. Pray for God's covering and protection as researchers are calling for new safety measures with rising evidence that the virus can travel farther and remain in suspension longer in the air.
5. Pray for divine intervention to stop the global Covid-19 pandemic. Now 19.7 million worldwide had been infected and 728,000 succumbed to the virus. Pray for selflessness and sacrifice among political leaders, business leaders and the people to contain the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of infection.

## 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/>.