

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 30 August 2020

Fullness of Joy

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16:11 (NIV)

In this psalm, David placed his trust in the God of his salvation and expressed his compelling confidence in the Lord joyfully despite the perils that he was going through. The psalmist found that in God's presence was fullness of joy. Joy was not found in himself but in God, His Refuge and His Deliverer.

Oswald Chambers wrote: "It is not God's promises we need, it is God Himself." David was a man after God's own heart because he was focused on the presence of God more than anything else.

'Fullness of joy' is not just mere happiness but the kind of joy that completely satisfies the soul. As God's children, we can experience this kind of joy even when the burdens of life weigh us down because of the great salvation obtained through the free grace given to us through Christ our Lord. Christ's fullness of joy is not just contained in a future hope but is in the here and now.

The God whom you have been filled with at salvation longs to produce the fruit of joy in your life. Galatians 5:22 tells us that joy is one of the fruit of the Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, we have access to an unending supply of joy that comes from the wellspring of restored relationship with our heavenly Father. God longs to make you a joyful person from the inside out, that your joy wouldn't be based on circumstances or the fleeting whims of the world but on having a right relationship with Him. And as we continue walking in His presence and abiding in His Word, we are walking along the path of life that God has purposed for us.

So if you feel like your joy tank is running low, get into the presence of the Lord today, for apart from Him, there is no joy. Spend time in prayer and praise with your Creator God and ask Him to restore your joy. He will fill you with His joy and develop in you endurance and strength to live above your circumstances. May you experience this soul-satisfying joy in the God of your salvation and live each moment fully aware of His unfailing love for you!

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Prayer Pointers

1. Pray that the Lord will guide all the **world leaders** to fulfil His purposes for them to rule each nation with integrity and justice so that every citizen can live with self-respect to treasure each other.
2. Pray that the Lord will bestow the **government of Singapore** with new ideas to revitalise the economy, with good measures to help those who are in financial difficulties and with great compassion to rally the people together to battle against this challenging time in the history of our nation.
3. Pray for wisdom for the present coalition **government of Israel** that they will be resilient to control the 2nd surge of the Covid-19, good judgment to keep the economy buoyant, and courage to defend the potential danger coming from their Northern and Southern territories.
4. Pray for the countries in **South America** that have seen a sharp rise in the Covid-19 infection:
 - Brazil - more than 3.3 million infected with more than 105,000 deaths
 - Peru - more than ½ million infected with more than 26,000 deaths
 - Mexico - more than ½ million infected with more than 55,000 deaths

Pray for God's mercy to stop the transmission of the virus and grant healing to those who are stricken by the virus and comfort to those who have lost their loved ones.

5. Pray for the countries in the world hit by natural disasters:
 - Landslides triggered by heavy rain in the mountainous villages of **Nepal** have swept away dozens of houses, resulting in loss of life and property. The Nepal Red Cross Society, said about 40,000 people had been housed in temporary huts or staying with relatives or friends.
 - **North Korea** has been hit by flooding since earlier this month, as torrential rains threaten to wipe out farmland with a diminished harvest and the government is not willing to open up for foreign aids for fear of the importation of the Covid-19 into the country.
 - The annual monsoon in **Bangladesh** has wreaked havoc across vast swathes of the densely populated region, causing flooded homes and inundated communities resulting in widespread death and damage.

Pray for the quick relief aids to pour forth into these affected areas, for sufficient food to sustain lives, for shelter to protect against the disasters and for hope to live another day.

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/>.