

# Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 11 October 2020

## ***Worship An Act Of Surrender***

*Matthew 2:1 – 12*

The Magi or wise men came to Jerusalem from a distant land in the East looking for the “King of the Jews.” The Bible does not say much about their origin; why they appeared after the birth of Jesus, how they knew the way, who instructed them to come; only highlighting their intended purpose, to worship the “King of the Jews.”

Such a mysterious group of travellers attracted the attention of King Herod who was then the Tetrarch of Judea. King Herod was alarmed about what these wise men came for; after consulting the chief priests, he directed the wise men to go to Bethlehem. His motive was to find out the exact location of the “King of the Jews” in Bethlehem from the wise men so that he could eliminate this potential opponent to his throne. The wise men found the Child Jesus in Bethlehem; they worshiped the Child Jesus; they gave valuable gifts and their hearts were filled with joy.

The visit of the wise men to coincide with the birth of Jesus and their sudden departure is mystery but one of the significances in this account is to inspire the readers to worship Jesus - for He is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. The wise men had demonstrated that the act of worship is the practice of the Presence of God. Worshiping Jesus is a surrendering to His Lordship and acknowledging His Presence – let’s do it daily in order to manifest the “Christlikeness” character in us for the glory of God.

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## **Prayer Pointers**

1. Praise God for the appointment of the LCEC leaders for 2020/2021. Pray for God’s guidance, direction and focus for them that they continue to grow in their vision of God’s calling for them and trust Him to accomplish great things to His glory.
2. Pray for the Presence of the Lord to be upon the Pastors, Pastoral Team and LCEC Leaders as they gather on 17 Oct for a time to seek Him and hear from Him on the goals and direction for Faith into the next phase of her ministry.
3. Let us proclaim the Lord’s blessings and favour for Singapore’s churches. Pray that the ongoing situation will turn complacent believers into radical intercessors. Pray that there will be repentance at the pulpit and out of it will come a great awakening in Singapore.
4. Pray that God will raise up talented leaders, men and women of integrity who will speak, act with honesty in all situations; and equip them with courage and strength to fulfil their roles in their respective countries.
5. Pray that the resumption of diplomatic relationship between Israel, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will be the new norm of securing peace in the Middle East and many more Arabs countries will join in this initiative.

## **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/>.