

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 25 October 2020

Trusting God As A Way Of Living

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you because he trusts in you.” - Isaiah 26:3

What a wonderful promise from God’s Word that he keeps us in perfect peace. Peace is a condition of freedom from disturbance within our soul; it is tranquillity and perfect harmony reigning within us. This peace comes from trusting God.

What does it mean to “trust God”? Trust God is not to be anxious. Isaiah 26:3 says if our mind, our capacity for imagining, rests on God, we can know perfect peace. Oftentimes we find it difficult to trust God because our imaginations have been filled with anything else except God. The result is that we do not know the inner serenity. We are anxious about everything and we cannot control it.

What must we do? We must first of all guard much more closely what we let into our minds. Paul admonishes: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Phil 4:8). This means we do everything we can to keep those opposite things from filling our minds.

Trusting God also involves waiting for God by walking in the way of his laws: “In the path of your judgments, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul” (Isa 26:8). It is doing what you know is right in God’s eyes while refusing to run ahead of Him to try to solve your problems for yourself. In other words, to trust God is to obey him by following his rules for life. This is what the writer of Proverbs is talking about when he says in Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

To trust God then is to show we know him in our “paths” by the way we live. We trust God when we are honest in situations where it would be to our advantage to cheat. We trust God when we refuse to compromise our Christian values in a secular world. We trust God when we give valuable time to serve the poor, the least and the last. We wait for the Lord, believing that he will act in our behalf in his own best time, by obeying his laws and rules for life, and not making up our own to serve ourselves.

Let’s make trusting God as a way of living and we will know the perfect peace He promises.

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Prayer Pointers

1. Let's continually uphold our Pastor-in-Charge, Rev Raymond Fong, and Pastors, Rev John Benedict Foo, Rev Peter Koh and Rev Eddie Ho for God's anointing, favour and wisdom as they lead the church forward in the direction of "One Mission" for 2020-2021 bringing the church into the next level of growth.
2. Pray that all our Faith family members will arise and participate together in the church-wide "12 Days to Christmas" outreach initiative in One Mission to reach one more soul for Christ this Christmas.
3. Pray for the salvation of the lost; that every single person living on this earth will have an opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their life time. Pray for Christians everywhere to take up the Great Commission to bring one more soul into the kingdom of God.
4. Pray for divine intervention to stop the global Covid-19 pandemic. Now over 40 million worldwide had been infected and 1.1 million succumbed to the virus. Pray for the countries that are battling the 2nd and 3rd wave of the Covid-19 infection that wisdom will be granted to the governmental leaders to bring the situation under control.
5. 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.

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.
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