

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 8 November 2020

More Than Conquerors In Christ

Matthew 4:1 – 11

The temptation of Jesus recorded in this passage reminds the readers of the deceiving power of the devil to destroy man and the way to overcome it is through the power of the Word of God. At the first glance, it appears that it was the devil that initiated the temptation but on a closer look at the passage, it was the Holy Spirit that led Jesus to be tempted by the devil. It was a predicted conflict as prophesied, it was part of the divine plan where the Son of Man came to expose the reality of the devil - the prince of evil forces of the dark world, and to strip off his dominance so as to liberate the world from his wicked governance.

The temptation by the devil on Jesus revealed the humanity side of Him; He did not use His divinity to overcome temptation but He resisted it with total dependence upon the Holy Spirit who was present to minister to Him. Hebrew 4:15 says “For we do not have a high priest, who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are yet he did not sin.”

Yes, when Jesus is your Saviour and Lord, you have His victory. Everyone faces temptation, no one is spared; but as a child of God, we are overcomers and more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. Therefore trust Jesus to enjoy the victorious life – the gift of our salvation.

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Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for quick relief aids to reach thousands of villagers who have been forced to flee their homes in the Philippines as the Typhoon Molave had swept through the island of Luzon causing landfall, flooding, destruction of powerlines and roads.
2. Pray for divine intervention to stop the spread of the COVID-19 in Myanmar as the country is preparing for the general elections on 8 November where masses of people will be gathered for campaigning and voting which poses a higher risk of infection.
3. Vietnam has been inundated recently which has destroyed hectares of agricultural land, killing of livestock and with the onslaught of Typhoon Molave coming onto the coastlines, pray for divine protection from severe loss of lives and damages to the infrastructure and powerlines so that quick normalcy can be resumed.
4. The passing of the Omnibus Law, also known as the jobs creation in Indonesia was met with huge protests across the nation, driven by university students, labour unions and civil groups. Pray that common sense will prevail and an amicable solution can be reached by all the parties concerned.
5. The number of daily new cases countrywide in Israel has declined due to the lockdown measures but with the onset of winter, the concerns of the so-called twindemic effect, in which the nastiest impacts of COVID-19 and flu combine might happen. Pray for divine protection and healing grace to cover every citizen of Israel – the chosen people of Jehovah.

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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