

# Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 20 December 2020

## ***The Good News - The Power Of God For Salvation***

*Luke 2: 8 – 20*

Angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve as His messengers; they are without material form or substance; they are more superior to man in the creation order – Psalm 8:5 says “... You have made them a little lower than the angels...” Shepherds in the New Testament period were mostly poor, illiterate people; their status in the society was at the bottommost. The Good News of the birth of the Messiah was first heralded by the angels who have all its legitimacy of truth to proclaim it, and the first recipients of this Good News were the shepherds whom were regarded as social outcasts in the Jewish culture.

The angels completed their assignment with praises to God and left. The shepherds left their post to search for the Baby wrapped in cloths lying in a manger at Bethlehem as prophesied by the angels. The angels rejoiced that the Good News was made available for all mankind and the shepherds rejoiced because they had found what was proclaimed by the angels to be true. And the shepherds praised God by sharing what they had heard, seen and experienced to be true which surprised many – because the shepherds were considered to be unreliable in their testimonies.

It is not the messengers of the Good News that convince the hearers but it is the message of the Good News that convicts the hearers of the need of a Saviour; for the Good News is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. Let us share Jesus as the Saviour of the world at every given opportunity just like the angels and shepherds did in this passage.

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## **Prayer Pointers**

1. In this **Season of Advent**, pray that we will prepare, get ready and “make room” for Jesus Christ in our lives, our homes and our church family; and to anticipate His return. Pray that our souls will be abodes fit for the Redeemer, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
2. Pray for a good harvest of souls into the kingdom of Light through the initiatives of the “**12 Days to Christmas**”, that the members involved in this project will experience the Presence of the Lord in their midst and that they will enjoy the fellowship with one another in the course of working together.
3. Pray for the **Christmas Day Evangelistic Services on 25 Dec** for **Rev Peter Koh (9.30am & 11.00am)** and **Rev Sophia Tan (10.15am, Mandarin)** for God’s anointing to be upon them as they preach the message that it will go forth powerfully to touch and transform lives. Pray for pre-believing family members and friends, and other seekers; that they will have a face-to-face encounter with the Christ of Christmas and come to salvation in Him.
4. Pray that there will be a proper follow-up process for those who have prayed to receive Christ and that these new believers can assimilate well into the community of saints in Faith.
5. Pray that the “**12 Days to Christmas**” is not just a one-time event that we do during this Christmas season but it will be our lifestyle to share the salvation plan of God and to reach one more soul for Christ.

## **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/>.