

# Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 17 January 2021

## *Jesus Is Our Provider*

*Matthew 15:29-38*

During the time of the Gospel account, travellers would carry food and water in a basket with them on a journey that would last one to three days and it was no surprise to find only seven loaves of bread and few dried fishes among the huge crowd of more than 4,000 people because the crowd had been with Jesus for three days listening to His amazing teachings and enthralled by the sight of the sick, the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many other infirmities being healed and people made whole. The crowd were so engrossed by the presence of Jesus that they had forgotten about the supply of their ration which would diminish soon after the third day. But Jesus saw with a heart of compassion the scarcity of their food supply and understood that they would collapse on the journey home if they had not eaten any food. Jesus initiated a great relief work; a miracle of multiplication from a meagre portion of food to satisfy the need of everyone. Not only did Jesus provide sufficient food for the crowd and also enough food for their return journey as verse 37 says, "They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."

Jesus understands our needs; He sees our lack and He will provide more than enough in all our situations. As Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Trust Jesus to supply all our basic needs on this journey of faith till we reach our eternal destination.

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## **Prayer Pointers**

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit will oversee the "One Mission Small Group Conference 2021" (22-23 Jan); all operational procedures will go on smoothly; God's empowerment will be upon all the speakers and the participants will have a beneficial time of learning.
2. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire our Faith family to an awareness of the holiness of God, creating a fresh sense of God's love and depositing a new hope in our hearts to fulfil our church vision of "*Transforming Lives, Changing the World.*"
3. Pray that the Lord will protect Singapore from all natural disasters; make available food supply chains for our nation; help Singapore to have good working relationship with all nations; prosper her economically so that Singapore will exist as a sovereign state and be a channel of blessing in the Southeast Asian region.
4. Pray for the smooth process of the inoculation of the vaccine for every citizen of Singapore; that there will be no rumour of fear of the side effects; and that this national exercise will be a good prevention against the infection of the Covid-19 in the community and our nation.
5. Pray that the Lord God will stop any variant of the Covid-19 or any new virus from germinating to cause another pandemic and grant a time of peace for the world to recover.

## **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/>.