

# Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 31 January 2021

## ***We Should Always Pray And Not Give Up***

*Luke 18: 1-7*

A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning and Jesus began to use parable in His teachings because of the growing resistance on the part of the religious authority. Also, He wanted only the “spiritually hungry” to understand His teachings as He used to end each parable with the instruction, “Whoever has ears, let them hear” (Matt. 11:15). Of course, after each parable, Jesus would bring His disciples away from the crowd where He would explain the meaning of the parable to them.

The purpose of this parable is to encourage His disciples to “always pray and not give up” as in verse 1b. You see, we are not praying to an unjust judge on earth but to a loving Father in heaven. We do not need to wear out our loving Father like the widow did to the unjust judge and we can expect help from God unlike the widow who was not sure whether the unjust judge would administer justice for her.

Sometimes we think that repetitive prayer will convince God to help us to overcome the challenges we face, but the fact of the matter is that God is not reluctant but ever ready to answer our prayers and that should be an encouragement to us to pray with persistency. Jesus affirms in verse 7 that God is ever listening to our prayers; He loves to answer our prayers; and He is with us in our prayers because we are the redeemed saints, His chosen people. Henceforth let us pray in every situation; for every need; in good and bad times; because our loving Father hears our prayers!

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## **Prayer Pointers**

1. Give thanks to God for our Small Group Leaders (Parish Leaders, Team Leaders, Group Leaders, Apprentice Leaders, SG Committee Members)!
  - Thank God for their faithful ministry in helping their members grow in intentional discipleship, mentoring them in the ways of God, exhorting and encouraging them to grow in F.A.I.T.H. (Fellowship, Adoration, Involvement, Transformation and Harvest).
  - Ask God to strengthen and empower every Small Group Leader as he/she continues to serve Him faithfully in the season ahead.
2. Pray that the Lord will grant mature, godly and visionary leadership to the LCEC (Local Church Executive Committee) and ministry leaders of Faith to bring the church into the next phase of growth to fulfil our church vision of *Transforming Lives, Changing the World*.
3. As Singapore begins to open her airspace for more airlines to land, bringing in passengers from all over the world, pray that there will be strict control of checks to detect potential patients of the Covid-19, so as to quarantine the cases quickly in order to prevent the transmission of the virus to the community.
4. Pray that the Lord will provide resources and grant wisdom to the government of Indonesia to manage the natural disasters that have struck the nation – earthquakes in West Sulawesi that killed more than 85 people and the floods in Kalimantan that have displaced more than 40,000 people from their homes in the midst of this pandemic.
5. Pray for divine intervention to halt the transmission of the Covid-19 all over the world as many nations are experiencing the resurgences of the infection which have generated unexpected challenges for the affected nations to handle this sudden rise of people being infected resulting in many deaths.

## **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/>.