

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 3 January 2021

Is There Hope In This Current Pandemic?

The world has gone through an unprecedented suffering because of the infectious disease called coronavirus disease 2019 or COVID-19. To date, more than 73.5 million people have been infected with 1.65 million deaths reported. This pandemic has changed the way we live, caused untold suffering to mankind, produced countless challenges, and revealed the vulnerability of man and frailty of life. Is there hope in the coming days?

The world defines “hope” as a desire for things to change for the better. But in the Bible “hope” means the confident expectation of what God has promised. So is there a sign of hope in the midst of this pandemic? The answer depends on your identity – whether you are a child of God or not. If you are a child of God, because of your faith in Jesus Christ, then you will have the Presence, the Power and the Promise of God that He will lead you through this challenging time and ensure that you are kept safe in Him. But if you are not a child of God or a person who does not know the living God as revealed through Jesus Christ, then you will have no supernatural help and no basis of hope to face the uncertainty of the future.

Jesus Christ has died for the sin of the world, conquered death when He rose again, and in Him there is a hope to overcome the challenges in life confidently; to face the unknown courageously and then to live throughout eternity jubilantly. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 1:20, “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘YES’ in Christ.” Jesus Christ is the only hope for the world!

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Prayer Pointers

1. Give thanks to God for seeing us, our families, our church and our nation through a difficult year of going through a global pandemic. Praise God in Jesus Christ there is hope for the world in this current pandemic. His presence, His power and His promise will be with us and all who believe in Him to lead us through this challenging time and ensure that we are safe in Him.
2. Praise God for the appointment of the **Rev Reuben Ng** as the new Pastor-in-Charge, the reappointments of **Rev John Benedict Foo**, **Rev Peter Koh** and **Rev Eddie Ho** as Pastors, as well as, the appointment of **Rev Chan Mei Ming** as Assistant Pastor of Faith from 1 January 2021. Let us uplift all our Pastors in prayer as they lead Faith to the next level of spiritual maturity.
3. Praise God the “**12 Days to Christmas**” outreach initiative in “**One Mission**” has created opportunities for the community and pre-believers to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for using Faith as a conduit of this proclamation. Pray that the Gospel seeds planted in their hearts will blossom in the perfect timing of God to bring Him glory.
4. Praise God for a wonderful time of worship and rededication at the **Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Watchnight Service (31 Dec)** where the covenant made with God took on a new perspective bringing new hope for the imminent return of Jesus Christ.
5. Pray for God’s continued guidance and favour to be upon Faith family as we enter the **New Year 2021** with new challenges and that we will remain steadfast and courageous to accomplish God’s purposes in and through our church.

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/>.