

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 28 February 2021

When Times Are Bad, God Is Still Good!

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28 (NIV)

What is ‘ALL’ things? They could refer to the good, the bad and the ugly things we face in our personal journey with the Lord. It is always easy to love God when things are good in our lives and we raise our voices to tell everyone that God is good all the time. What happens when we go through a financial setback, a prolonged illness, a broken relationship, do we still believe that God is good?

As believers who love the Lord, we must never doubt the goodness of God. The story of our life has many chapters; some bad chapters in the book don’t mean the whole book is bad. Your story is not over yet until God says so. God never fails!

We may not understand everything now but God is working all things out for our good. As He has done it with Jacob the deceiver, Joseph the dreamer and David the fugitive before he became King, He is working through all the events in our life to accomplish His purpose.

Don’t lose heart, have faith, patience and continue to put our trust in Him. He sees the big picture and holds our tomorrows. Romans 8:28 is His promise to us!

Therefore, let us be reminded that God is good no matter the outcome and all the time God is good!

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Prayer Pointers

1. Faith Pastors, Pastoral Admin Team and Church Leaders

1 Timothy 2:1-3 (NASB) – “First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made in behalf of all people, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.”

- Pray that the Lord will command His angels concerning them to protect and watch over them, save them from all wicked schemes, keep them from all harm, bless the work of their hands and grant them success in all their endeavours for the glory of God.

2. Faith Methodist Church

Faith will be celebrating our 55th anniversary this year and God has been faithful to call us to be salt and light to the community. Through the years Faith has grown in spiritual maturity and God has been blessing Faith with resources, spiritual gifts and many servants of the Lord to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, both locally and overseas.

- Pray that Faith will acknowledge Christ as the Head of the church; that our members will be filled with the knowledge of God’s will with all wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives so that everyone may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.

3. Singapore

With the announcement of the Budget 2021, more than \$50 billion will be drawn from the reserves for the containment of the pandemic and restructuring of the economy. It will be a deficit budget again which means that the government will have to find new enterprises to boost the economy and means of generating the revenues.

- Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom to the government to provide equal help to all sectors of the society, drive the restructuring of the economy and pursue innovative ideas to do things in the new norm.

4. Israel

Israel is one of the countries that have vaccinated her citizens with the coronavirus vaccine – almost 5 million Israelis have received their first dose of the vaccine while over 2.5 million have received both doses. The government is also negotiating with the pharmaceutical companies to build factories in Israel for the production of the vaccine.

- Pray that the vaccination programme will be carried out smoothly and efficiently; the plan to build pharmaceutical factories will proceed accordingly; the people will abide by the new norm of daily life; the Lord will protect the nation from any resurgence of the virus with the easing of the current lockdown by 21 Feb.

5. COVID-19

Globally, the total number of cases has crossed the 100 million mark and total deaths now stand at over 2 million. Resurgences of the COVID-19 are happening in many parts of the world and the pandemic is far from over. The cost of producing the vaccines is enormous; the logistics to distribute them is colossal and the process of vaccination is massive. But the vaccines are to complement, not replace the proven public health measures which must continue indefinitely to prevent and contain widespread transmission.

- Pray for the mercy and grace of God to eliminate the virus and save His created human race from this deadly disease.

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/>.