

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 7 February 2021

“We love because He first loved us.” – 1 John 4:19

This verse reminds us that it is God who first reached out to sinful humanity, ultimately displaying His love for us on the Cross. True selfless love does not originate in human soul. There is no goodness in us capable of being the source of our love for God. Our love comes from God Himself.

God’s very character is love. He initiated love in our heart and inner soul. It is only because of His love for us that we are able to love Him back. However, the love that He gives is not the broken human love that was marred by sin, but the love of Christ that is placed within. By His grace the love of Christ was poured into our inner being so that we can love with the same supernatural love with which we are loved (Romans 5:5).

We are therefore called to love Him because He loved us first. How wonderful to know that we are not only the object of God's divine love, but that His desire is that we reciprocate His love. Indeed, we are eternally grateful that He loved us enough to suffer a humiliating death on the Cross to save our souls from eternal punishment.

This verse goes even beyond our love for God, revealing that our capacity to love others is also grounded in His love. Any consistently selfless love we show to others is still just a reflection of His love. We are simply sharing with others the love He has already lavished on us.

God’s love for us should compel us to love other people. When we focus on all God has done for us, it makes loving other people easier. His love is empowering. It gives us the strength and motivation to truly love others. So when you have those moments when you struggle loving someone who is less than lovable, realise that you’ve got the power to do it because God loved you first. When you didn’t deserve it and were an enemy of God, God loved you. That knowledge gives you what you need to love others.

Indeed, out of the overflow of love we have received from God in Christ, may we love the Lord, His church, and all of those around us; even our enemies.

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Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for our Pastor-in-Charge, Rev Reuben Ng that the Lord will give him a double portion of His anointing to pastor the flock at Faith; that the Lord will direct him to lead Faith in accordance to His purpose and grant him the boldness to act with wisdom and authority of the Lord.
2. Pray also for our Pastors: Rev John Foo, Rev Peter Koh, Rev Eddie Ho and Rev Chan Mei Ming that they will serve the Lord in partnership with the PIC in the ministry; that the Lord will employ them to be His “shepherds” to care for the members of Faith and that the joy of the Lord will be their strength in the ministry.
3. Pray for God’s guidance on the First Local Conference on 9 Feb and for His anointing on our church leaders that God will establish the work of their hands and empower and enable the ministries under their care to fulfil their plans for the new conference year.
4. Pray that our Faith members will stay vigilant in our pursuit of God; that we will not be complacent to immerse in the amusement of life; that God will grant us a renewed focus on Him to achieve the “One Mission” mandate by partnering with Him in the business of saving souls into the Kingdom of Light.
5. Pray for divine providence in regard to food supply to our nation, for God’s blessings on our economy, for the protection against all natural disasters and terrorism, for the harmonious living of the different races of the people and for God to use Singapore to be a blessing to the surrounding nations in the midst of this pandemic.

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/>.