



## **BENEFITS OF PRAYERS AND READING GOD'S WORD**

### **THIS EASTER WEEK**

**6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020**

A Chinese General put it this way: 'If the World is to be brought to order, my nation must first be changed. If my nation is to be changed, my hometown must be made over. If my hometown is to be reordered, my family must be set right. If my family is to be regenerated, I myself must first be.'

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*'And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Romans 10:15 – 17*

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020: God's Guidance and Direction**

*Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. Psa. 119:133*

- Pray that every single person in our world would look to God to direct their steps. Starting with you and me.
- Pray that, since the future is in God's hands, each person's next step will depend on what God's Word is saying to them.
- Commit the ones infected or affected by the Covid '19 to our loving Father.
- Pray that we may diligently search the Word of God and therefore pray correctly.
- Praise and adore Him, who has provided for all our needs that we may not sin against Him.
- Remember all that He has done for us so that thankfulness can overcome the fear we are all feeling because of uncertainty.

## **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Finding Real Success in Tough Times**

***Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:7-8***

- Pray for all in leadership in different sectors of our Country that they would be strong and courageous under God's direction.
- Pray that all of us would be careful to obey God's law first and then the laws of our country.
- Pray that God will lead us into success in all areas after this down time as a result of Covid '19 pandemic.
- Pray for our nation to become one where people and their corporate needs are considered using the Bible for direction.
- Pray that this time of being separated will make us better at making our relationships to be enhanced, using the patterns found in the Word of God.
- Pray that the believers in the nation will be strong and courageous wherever they are giving hope to those in the middle of the Covid 19.

## **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Living in Purity**

***"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:9***

- Request the LORD that at this time of curfew and isolation, the nation would understand what it means to be pure.
- Acknowledge that the only place to get purity is by washing in the Word of God.
- Pray that each person would be willing to live according to the teachings of the Word of God.
- Pray that all would commit to seeking the LORD with their whole heart.
- Pray that everyone would commit to practice purity in their places of work, at home and in the church.
- For all to hide the Word of God in their hearts in order to stay far away from sin.

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Living by Faith in God.

*Today let us pray using the following verses.*

- The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? **Psalm 27:1**
- Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.  
**Isaiah 40: 30-31**
- What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?  
**Romans 8:31**
- May God arise over the nations and may his enemies be scattered. Psal. 68:1
- No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.  
**Romans 8:37**
- Invite the Prince of Peace to take his place and rule in the midst of his enemies. **Psa. 110:2**
- “Now begin the work and the LORD BE with you.” **1Chronicles 22:16b**

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Being Thankful no Matter What

***“... We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10.***

- Thank the Lord because nothing takes Him by surprise including this pandemic.
- Remember that the death of Jesus was predicted in the Old Testament especially Psalm 22, almost word for word.
- Holiness is necessary in times of crisis so God’s will can be done, so thank him on behalf of all of us, that He has provided the way.
- Praise the Lord for allowing those who believe to understand His ways and to have hope of good times in the future.
- Pray that the believers in Christ it will react in ways that will not only honor God but that will make it clear to all that Jesus is Lord and he is dependable.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Having Joy, Whatever the circumstance.**

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13***

- Since joy is from the LORD, nothing can take it away from us, not even the Corona Virus.
- Pray therefore that all of us may be filled with joy and peace at all times.
- Pray that even though we are locked away from friends and some members of our family, the joy found in relationships would find a way to be expressed.
- Thank the Lord that we are able to communicate in exciting ways and even attend virtual Church.
- Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will inspire us to good works.

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020: The Risen Christ comes with Peace in all Circumstances.**

***. “... Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.” Matthew 25:34***

- In times of grief and other bad news, thank the Lord for He has prepared a way out in every circumstance.
- Remember that fear stops courage from helping us to move forward in victory.
- At times when we are staring at poverty in the face especially in this particular time of Covid-19, pray that we will remember that God is our only provider.
- Thank God for the peace that accompanies all believers when they put their trust in Christ because Christ has already died for us.
- Jesus has promised to finish the good work he has done in us. Thank Him again and again, then take courage and share the Good news with your neighbor, through the phone or online.
- Call and pray with someone and also help out those in need around you.

***But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2Peter 3:8-9***