

## 21-day Prayer Guide (In Midst of Coronavirus)

In the midst of these unusual times, as our normal daily rhythms are having to be adjusted, halted, re-created, it seems we also are hearing from the Lord a deep call to spend time on our knees in prayer and to help other believers around us to do the same. And the Scriptures call us to this.

- “And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.” Luke 18:1
- “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thess 5:16-18
- “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” James 5:16b
- “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chron 7:14

This 21-day prayer guide has been put together to help lead us, our families, and others as we call upon the Lord in these days.

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## **Day 1: Abiding in Christ: A Call to Confession and Repentance:**

Lord, in seasons like these, in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, of calamity and suffering, my flesh wants to ask the question, “Why?” or “For what purpose?” Lord, let me not doubt Your sovereignty, goodness, or justice, even if I don’t get a specific answer to the “why”. Lead us Lord, to Your Scripture, where we do see some larger answers to Your use of suffering as a whole and examples of what our response should be.

In Luke 13:4-5, Jesus discusses a calamity in which a tower has fallen on and killed 18 people. Were they worse offenders, worse sinners, than all the others? *“No, I tell you, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”* Jesus quickly denies the thought that those who were killed in this event were somehow worse offenders. He quickly shifts the conversation from “them” to “you.” Thus, he makes the suffering in the world a lesson and a call for our own repentance. May we also slow down in the midst of this pandemic and check our own hearts.

### **Spend time with the Father in a time of confession.**

- **Examine your heart: Lord, bring to our eyes any sin in us that may be grieving to you.**  
*Search us, O God, and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts! See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting!” (Ps 139:23-24)*
- **Open your ears; Listen to the Lord** – Lord, help us to listen to what you may be showing or asking us. In the midst of confession, listen. Do you hear our Father asking you the questions implied in Matthew 10:37-39– “Do you love me more than anything or anyone? Are you taking up your cross daily in complete surrender and following me? Are you clinging to your own life or are you dying to it for my sake?” Or the question that’s implied in the Great Commandment (Mk 12:30-31)– “Are you loving me, the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind? Are you loving your neighbor as yourself?” Are you living in a way that makes the rest of the world ask you for an explanation of the hope you have within you? Does the way you live your life confirm that He’s called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light? Lord, keep bringing to our eyes any sin that is clinging closely to us and hindering fellowship with you.
- **A Call for Confession, brokenness, mourning, loathing of sin:** Lord, as we see our sin, help us to call it as what it is: sin, disobedience to you, an offense before You, our Holy Lord. May we be repulsed by it, knowing that you, Father, are not fully loved, where sin is not fully loathed. *“O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.” (Ezra 9:6).* Lord, help us to be broken and humbly come to You, God, with a contrite heart: *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” (Ps 51:17).* Give us deeper and more glimpses into Your greatness and Your glory, and help us to mourn for ways in which we’ve belittled or scorned it. Let us see the chasm that exists between your greatness, your faithfulness, your love and our flesh, our faithlessness, and our lovelessness and let us call afresh upon the sufficiency of the work of

Christ on the cross to cover our sin and that great chasm. Lord, *“I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.”* (Ps 38:18). Help us, Lord, to *“Confess [our] sins to one another, that [we] may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”* (James 5:16)

- **Repent of sin:** Father, help us to repent, to actively turn away from sin and turn to You. Give us the grace, to go and do as you spoke to the house of Israel, *“Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations.”* (Ezekiel 14:6). Lord, help us give heed to Your calling, *“Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, and rend your hearts and not your garments.”* (Joel 2:12-13) This is not a time for simply going through motions, but one where our hearts are rent like garments, broken and contrite before God. Lord, we cannot even begin to repent apart from Your grace to do so. Grant us true repentance. Help us turn back to you.
- **Praise Him:** Lord, we praise You, remembering who we were apart from Christ (Dead in sin, separated from You, deserving death and eternal punishment), and remembering Your love that has reconciled us to You through the gift of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice of His own life on the cross. We thank you, knowing that *“If we confess our sins, [You] are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 Jn 1:9) Thank you for the cross, Lord. Thank you for the cross, for the forgiveness you extend to us through it.

## **Day 2: Character of God: For Sight of God's Sovereignty**

*"The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forever. May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!*

Psalm 29:10-11

LORD, you are the One who sits on the throne of Heaven! You are sovereign over our chaos and confusion! We know that You are at work even now in the midst of our struggle. We rest in the strength and peace that only You can give. In You alone there is peace and security. Nothing else will satisfy and nothing else can stand. You alone are the King who reigns forever. Our hope is in Your endless love for us.

Thank you, that in times of confusion and suffering we can continue to trust in You, knowing that nothing, not even a pandemic, is outside of Your hands or outside of Your power to work for good.

**Adoration:** God, we praise You! We proclaim as Daniel does, *"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge of those who have understanding."* (2:20-21) You are all powerful God, Sovereign over all, Ruler of rulers. We lift you up. **Spend a few moments simply praising God for His Power and Sovereignty.**

**Confession:** Isaiah 46:9-11, *"Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it."*

Lord, in times of struggles it's easy for us to forget these truths of Your character. Please forgive us when we put something else in Your place of power and majesty. There is none like You. No sickness, no government, no enemy, no self-made plans can take Your place of sovereignty in the world. We confess that sometimes we may doubt and sometimes we can't see to what purpose You are working things towards. Help us trust that what you purpose, you will do.

**Spend a few minutes searching your heart for possible ways you've forgotten His Sovereignty or placed something else in your heart as higher than our Creator God. Confess this to God.**

**Thanksgiving:** Lord, I give you thanks that You are over all things, even the days of my life – You are a personal God, who has written beforehand in Your book "all the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them" (Ps 139:16) Thank you Lord, that You are a promise-keeping God, as You say to Jeremiah, *"I am watching over my word to perform it"* (Jer 1:12). You are not a God who lies or changes His mind – *"Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?"* (Num 23:19). **Spend a few moments thanking God for specific and personal aspects and applications of His Sovereignty that you are grateful for today.**

**Supplication:**

Romans 11:33-36: *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

*“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”*

<sup>35</sup> *“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”*

<sup>36</sup> *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

Romans 8:28: *“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”*

Lord, let us always stand in awe and wonder at the greatness of Your ways. Help us to not lean on our own understanding, but to trust You with all our hearts (Prov 3:5) Remind us that truly all things are from You, through You, and to You. Lord, we pray that You work these trying times out for good, and that You would be glorified among all peoples, in all places, at all times. Lift our eyes from the storms of life’s circumstances to the unchanging nature of Your character and Sovereignty. Help us to find hope in You and Your promises and truths. **Spend a few moments in supplication, asking God in accordance to His will, for His purposes to be fulfilled.**

### **Day 3: Praying for the Church: For Universal Body of Believers**

As a believer, Jesus said that we can expect troubles and trials in this world. Many brothers and sisters in our context and around the world are not only facing struggles with the current virus, but also are facing persecution of different types because of their beliefs. Their faith, strength, and dedication in the midst of various trials are inspirational, but they still need prayer for the grace to continually grow and be a witness of God's love. Let's spend time praying for the overall body of believers.

*Ephesians 3:14-21: "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

#### **Please pray for the universal body of believers:**

- That we would grow in faith and spiritual maturity
- That we would be comforted and strengthened with power through His Spirit in us
- That we would be rooted and ground in LOVE, comprehending the greatness of Christ's love

*Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

#### **Please pray:**

- That God would give us joy and peace in this season and always
- That the power of His Spirit in us would help us to abound in hope

#### **Please pray Col 1:9-12 over the believers here in South Asia and across the world:**

- That believers would be *"filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding"*
- That we would *"walk in a manner worthy of Him, fully pleasing to him; bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."*
- That we *"would be strengthened with all power according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy"*
- That we would be a grateful, thankful people, *"giving thanks to Father – who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."*

Acts 4:29, *“Lord... grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness”*.  
**Pray also that believers across the world would take time during the coronavirus to share the good news with others.** Would they call family members and friends and pray for them and with them. Would they seek opportunities to share with others the good news through the various technological channels.

## **Day 4: Praying for the Lost: For Salvation to Come to All Peoples**

Today we come in prayer asking God to move in power amongst the many people groups surrounding us who are currently living in darkness and without hope. Included here are the names of some of the largest UUPGs (unreached, unengaged people groups) and Neighbor PGs in South India, the Maldives, and Sri Lanka. As you intercede for these peoples, feel free to add to the groups mentioned here the specific peoples represented in the field where you labor.

Chakali (H peoples )

Noorbasha (Neighbor peoples)

Aiyarakulu (H peoples)

Agasa (H peoples)

Bania (H peoples)

Shaikh (Neighbor peoples)

Mapilla (Neighbor peoples)

Maldivian (Neighbor people, island of Maldives)

Sinhalese (Buddhist people of Sri Lanka)

Sri Lankan Moor (Neighbor peoples)

Pray that these peoples would realize the offense of sin & the inability of man to obtain salvation through works.

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23)*

*for it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8-9)*

Ask God to remove the veil blinding their eyes so many might see the light of gospel of the glory of Jesus Christ.

*And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 4:3-6)*

Pray that the word of the Lord would spread and increase and prevail mightily among these peoples.

*So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily. (Acts 19:20)*

*Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you. (2 Thes 3:1)*

Pray that these peoples, having beheld the glory of the risen Christ, would join in the song of the saints. May they join in praising his name and declaring his glory.

*Sing to the Lord a new song;*

*sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Sing to the Lord, praise his name;*

*proclaim his salvation day after day.*

*Declare his glory among the nations,*

*his marvelous deeds among all peoples*

*For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. (Ps 96:1-4)*



## **Day 5: Praying for Virus Situation Itself: For Governments**

On this day, let's take some time to lift up government officials all over the world. It can be easy to lack faith in praying for governments or leaders because we know that there is a lot of corruption. No political system on this earth is 100% flawless and government officials make a lot of decisions that we don't like. But in reality, those are some of the big reasons that we NEED to pray for our world leaders! Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:1-2

*"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."*

I don't know about you, but I want to live my life in a manner that can be described as peaceful, godly, and dignified in every way! Let's obey Paul's urging and pray that all those in high positions would be blessed and walk with confidence in the truth. Please use these prayer points, and take some time to pray for government officials all over the world:

- Ask for the salvation, health, and protection of government leaders and their families
- Ask for the Father to give political officials wisdom in decision making (especially in these specifically difficult times)
- Pray for values of justice, humility, honor, honesty, and integrity to be implemented in governments worldwide

## **Day 6: Praying for Peace: For God's Peace to Reign in Hearts**

### **Peace with God:**

*Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*Colossians 1:20 "and through him [Christ] to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."*

**Praise:** Father, we praise you first and foremost for the cross. We praise you that by sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, through faith in Christ, you have reconciled us to yourself. Thank you Lord, that through Christ, and the blood of his cross, we have peace with you.

**Prayer:** Lord, for those who are still living apart from you, hostile to You and Your kingdom, we pray that they would recognize their lack of peace, lack of relationship with You and come to Jesus to find peace with You.

### **Peace from God:**

*John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*

*John 16:33 Jesus said, "...in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)*

*Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called*

*2 Thess 3:16 "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."*

*Phil 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

**Praise:** Lord, we praise you. You Yourself are the Lord of peace. You don't give peace as the world does. The world's peace is circumstantial, but yours is one that reigns supreme in both good and bad circumstances. Your peace is one that should allow our hearts to not be troubled or afraid in any situation, at all times. Your peace is one that guards our hearts and minds in Christ. We praise you for giving us this peace.

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to take heart in the midst of trials and suffering, knowing You are Sovereign and have overcome the world. Help the peace of Christ truly rule in our hearts. Let our hearts give no room to any fear or anxiety, but to trust fully in Christ. Lord, give us your peace at all times. Help us not to be anxious, but to come to you in prayer, knowing that Your peace will guard our hearts in Christ.

## **Day 7: Praying for the Vulnerable: For the Oppressed and Those in Need**

**Adoration:** Lord, we praise you that YOU are our shelter and we can abide in you (*Psalm 91:1-2*). We praise you that you are “a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble” (*Psalm 9:9*). We thank you that we can put our trust in you, and that you say you do not forsake those who seek you (*Psalm 9:10*). We praise you, Lord, that you “work righteousness and justice for the oppressed” and that you are “merciful gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (*Psalm 103:6-8*). We praise you that you say, “blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked brings to ruin” (*Psalm 146:5-9*). We worship you, Lord, creator and sustainer of all things (*Colossians 1:16-17*), who sees the fatherless and the widow, who cares for the oppressed and the hungry (*Psalm 146:5-9*). We praise you for who you are, Lord.

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust” – *Psalm 91:1-2*

“The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you” – *Psalm 9:9-10*

“The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed...the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” – *Psalm 103:6-8*

“Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked brings to ruin” – *Psalm 146:5-9*

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or ruler or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together” – *Colossians 1:16-17*

**Confession:** We confess, Lord, that we are so quick to put our trust in worldly things. We confess that we forget that you are our great provider and that you say you will, “supply every need according to (your) glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (*Philippians 4:19*). We confess that we are quick to feel anxious and worried, even though you call us to, “cast your burdens on the Lord, he will sustain you” (*Psalm 55:22*). We also confess, Father, that we can be so prone to be anxious about our own needs and forget the needs of the brothers and sisters around us. You say, God, that, “if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need and yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him” (*1 John 3:17*). We confess, Lord, that especially in times of suffering and anxiety we are narrow minded and selfish in our thoughts, forgetting that YOU ALONE are the one who sustains our every breath. We confess that we

often forget your faithfulness to us and forget that we can trust in you. We also confess that we often forget to pray for think about ways we could love our brothers and sisters around us.

**“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus”** *Philippians 4:19*

**“Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved”** – *Psalms 55:22*

**“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need and yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him”** – *1 John 3:17*

**Thanksgiving:** Thank you, Father, that you CARE for us. Thank you that you tell us to, “humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you” (*1 Peter 5:6-7*). Thank you that you are a God who, “Give(s) justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain(s) the right of the afflicted and the destitute, Rescue(s) the weak and the needy; deliver(s) them from the hand of the wicked” (*Psalms 82:3-4*). Thank you that you care for the flowers of the field and the birds of the air, and you say that we have much greater worth than these (*Matthew 6:25-34*). Thank you that you are a just and loving God who, “will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy” (*Psalms 40:12*). Thank you that you have shown us your love for us in this, that while we were still sinners Christ died for us (*Romans 5:8*).

**“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you”** – *1 Peter 5:6-7*

**“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute, Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked”** – *Psalms 82:3-4*

**“Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look that the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’. For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”** – *Matthew 6:25-34*

**“I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy”** – *Psalms 40:12*

**“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”** – *Romans 5:8*

**Supplication:** Lord, we plead for you to have mercy on the vulnerable and oppressed (*Psalms 40:12*). We pray that you would be their great comforter and provider (*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*). Lord, we pray that you would see the needy and care for them (*Matthew 5:2-11*). I pray, Lord, for all those who are living in anxiety and fear- without food, resources, or worldly comforts. I pray that you would have mercy on them, that you would meet them where they are, and that you would comfort them and provide what they need (*Matthew 6:25-34*). I pray for those who are losing jobs or afraid of losing jobs, would you remind them that you are the one who provides all of their needs according to your glorious riches in Christ (*Philippians 4:19*). I pray

that you would bring people into their lives who know and love you and can comfort them with the hope of the gospel (*2 Corinthians 4:16-18*). I pray that you would burden Christians around the country and the world to give generously, defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and love their neighbors as themselves (*Isaiah 58:6-10*). I pray that all of those who don't know you and are following other gods would realize that these are empty places (*Psalms 115:4-8*). I pray that as they lose hope in their false gods, their eyes would be opened, and they would turn to you as the one true God – and the only source of hope (*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*). We pray, Lord, that you would humble us. That we wouldn't be blinded by our own anxiety or fear, but that we would cry out to you and trust you more deeply. I pray that in the heart of every believer you would instill a deep peace and trust in you that surpasses understanding, despite circumstances (*Philippians 4:7*). We love you Lord, we thank you that we can cry out to you and trust you. We thank you that you are the defender of the weak and that you bring justice for the needy.

**"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" 2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 5:2-11**

**"So we do not lose heart, though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

**"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:6-10**

**"Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths but do not speak; ears but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them." Psalm 115:4-8**

**"For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" – 2 Corinthians 4:5-6**

**"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" – Philippians 4:7**

## **Day 8: Abiding in Christ: For Strengthening of Faith**

Read Hebrews 11.

- **OBJECT** – Hebrews 11:1ff shares that verse of that our faith is not blind but there is an object, a focus for our faith. It is as seen in Hebrews 11 that God is Himself the object of our faith.

Today, as Christians we must be careful that our faith is not in governmental stability, strength of economic markets, severity of pandemics, etc. Our faith, just like those listed in the Hall of Faith, sought only Him who is the creator, sustainer, eternal, and sure: GOD.

**Pray for our faith in this season to be placed rightly on God, and nothing else. Pray for our faith to be strengthened, that we would stand firm in faith upon our unshakable God and His Kingdom.**

- **OBEDIENCE** – The bulk of Hebrews 11 deals with how the Hall of Famers lived their faith: in obedience. From verses 4-38, we see it replete with many “famous” names, but also many other unnamed that only heaven knows their names. But, the point is not who it was or wasn’t but rather that there are described as obedient.

How are we being obedient in the midst of trials we face? How are we obedient in the midst of victories we celebrate? Regardless of opposition or struggle, the picture here shows us the necessity for obedience.

**Pray that our stories in this season would also read, “By Faith, (insert your name), was obedient to all that the Lord asked of them, not fearing, but trusting, not clinging to earthly treasures, but looking to the heavenly city and reward to come.”**

- **OPPORTUNITY** – Hebrews 11:39-40 ends with kind of strange twist: “...since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.” Many scholars believe that the implication is that as much as we are enamored at the lives of these listed (and the many other heroes through the generations), we must remember their work and our work are eternally linked. The work of faith they began is being completed in us...we must not see it as separate but rather a continuation of the work started in the Garden.

What opportunities are we seizing in these days that are a demonstration of God’s continued work? No matter the circumstance or struggle, how is Father calling us to seize opportunities to make known the glory of our Great God and King? **Pray for these opportunities and ask for obedience to walk in them.**

## **Day 9: Character of God: For Sight of God's Goodness & Love**

In the midst of all the crazy that is happening in the world I think many of us are experiencing doubt, fear and anxiety. It is a good opportunity to turn to our loving heavenly Father and bring him our burdens because as we know in Matthew 11: 28 it says, "Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'" Let's not forget to praise His name and remember his goodness. We might be tempted in this season to forget God's goodness. However, today let's spend some time praising our Father and thanking him for his steadfast love that he has given freely to us. I encourage you to pray these scriptures:

Nahum 1:7

*"The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him."*

Psalm 86:5

*"For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in loving kindness to all who call upon you."*

1 John 4:16

*"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."*

Psalm 86:16

*"But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."*

Rely on God's love in this season and in all times! Take time today to meditate on his goodness. I encourage you to write down different ways in which you see the Lord's goodness and love.

## **Day 10: Praying for the Church: For Church Leaders**

As we pray for church leaders, pray they will not be fearful or distressed, because You are their God. You will strengthen them. You will help them. You will uphold them with your righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 *“fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

We pray the leaders would not look to their own wisdom or get stuck in their own thoughts of worry or planning, but that they would recognize that you are God and your thoughts and ways are so much greater. God help them to look to you for help in shepherding their people and leading them toward your heart during this time.

Isaiah 55:8-9 : *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Father give them spiritual wisdom on how to lead their people. Thank you that you are the God of all wisdom and that you give it to those who ask. We ask on their behalf.

James 1:5: *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”*

We pray for our leaders to earnestly seek you, and thirst for you, and to look to you, beholding your power and glory. May they see that your steadfast love is better than life. May this fill them with joy, surrender, and worship.

Psalm 63:1-3:

*“Oh God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you”*

Father we pray, by your grace, to help our brothers and sisters who are leading to hold fast to the confession of their faith in Jesus. During this time of lockdown and limitations in meeting would you give them wisdom and grace in shepherding their people, stirring them up in love and good works. Would they find creative ways to serve the people of God.

Hebrews 23-24

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works”*



## **Day 11: Praying for the Lost: For Salvation to Come to All Places**

In the midst of the unknown and uncertainties of this pandemic, people everywhere, in every place, are battling fear, striving for peace, seeking wisdom, looking for joy, hope, and security. For those of us who believe in Christ, He is all of these for us and we need not search for these in a fallen world. However, for those apart from Christ, it's impossible to offer them true hope, joy, security, peace and a solution to fear apart from offering the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Let's spend some time praying for the salvation of the Lord to come to all places, especially those geographic regions that are least reached, regions with no believers and no churches, regions that are hard to access, or regions that have high levels of persecution towards any gospel presence. Many regions and villages across South India and Sri Lanka could be described in this way. Let us also turn our prayers in this time towards the Maldives – who claim 0% believers and where it's quite difficult for sustained gospel presence.

Lord, we praise you, that your promises are true. Your Word says, in Matthew 24:14, *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”* This is a promise that your good news will ring forth, will be proclaimed in the WHOLE WORLD, every place. Lord, we praise you that you are mighty to save – there is no place that is too far or too difficult for your saving arm to reach. Lord, in this season, let your good news spread to regions where it has not yet spread. Let your good news be heard, understood, and believed by many in these least reached regions and villages here in South Asia.

Pray:

- Let us take up the challenge to pray for the villages in our local areas. Go online to <http://pray4ev.org> and select your state and local region and begin praying. Can you pray for 10 villages per day by name for the next 10 days?
- As believers may not be able to travel to new areas in this season, pray for creativity in gospel sharing through media and other means. Pray for visions and dreams among the lost in these areas. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in hearts and convict of sin and show that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and no one can come to the Father apart from Him.
- Mark 16:15 says, *“And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.’”* As you pray for the unreached places around you where perhaps the gospel has not yet gone, where perhaps there are no believers and no churches, listen to what the Lord may be telling you. Are you the one He may be sending? Are you the one He may be using to mobilize others to this place? Can you continue advocating in prayer for the salvation of the lost in these places?

## **Day 12: Praying for the Virus Situation Itself: For Health Care and Essential Workers**

There are many Health Care Workers who are working tirelessly making sure their patients are being taken care of. They are risking their health by going to work and exposing themselves to the virus. Many are running out of proper equipment to protect themselves. The police are also working hard making sure people are still obeying the law and staying indoors. Also, grocery store workers are making deliveries, and staying open so people have access to food, and supplies. Let us pray for all these workers.

- Pray for the nurses and doctors who are working during this time. Let us pray for their safety against this virus. Pray that they will be able to rest well and spend time with their family members.
- Pray that those in health care who are non-believers will come to faith during this time.
- Pray for those who are believing in the health care field will take this as an opportunity to share the Gospel with other workers, and patients.
- Pray for all the police who are out on the roads, pray for their safety
- Pray for all family members who have loved ones working during this time. Pray they will have peace, and comfort.
- Pray for grocery store workers and that they will remain healthy even when they come into contact with people in and out of the store.

Ezekiel 34:16, *“ I will see the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed in justice.”*  
Hebrews 6:10, *“For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.”*

## **Day 13: Praying for Peace: For Battling Anxiety and Fear**

“Do not fear” – One of the most common phrases in Scripture. The battle is real. Our flesh is weak. The enemy would like us to become paralyzed with fear and anxiety in times of trials, suffering, and uncertainty. Anxiety and fear that loses perspective of reality oppose faith. It is a battle for faith.

**Praise Him** – We have an intercessor, Jesus Christ, who lives to intercede for us (Heb 7:25) and as He prayed for Peter, he is praying similarly for us, *“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail...”*(Luke 22:31-32)

**Read Matt 6:25-34 and see how Jesus attacks anxiety with truth and promises. Pray:** Lord, let us see how much we are valued by You. Let us not be anxious, but rather help us to trust You and Your provision and care for us. Help us to realize that anxiousness adds nothing to our situation. Let us not act like the unbelieving world, who fear the things of this world and are anxious about many things, but let us seek first Your kingdom, believing that you will provide all that we need. Help us to walk in today’s mercies, knowing your mercies are new each morning, and knowing your grace is sufficient.

**Picture the events of Mark 4:35-41, Jesus Calming the Storm:** Note who led them across the waters into the sea at that time. Note the posture of Jesus in the storm. What does the question the disciples ask of Jesus suggest? What can we learn of fear in this? What type of fear do the disciples display in vs 41.

Lord, help us to trust you and your leading, even when you lead us through a storm. Help us not to question your care for us. We praise you, that you are God with us, that you are not frightened or freaked out by any storm, but rather You are sovereign over it. We praise you that even today, the wind and the waves obey you. Lord, replace our anxieties and misplaced fears, with the right fear of awe and wonder of Your Greatness.

**Pray using Isaiah 41:10:** *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen You, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

Lord, help us to continue to battle misplaced anxiety and fears. Help us to meditate on your Word, to dwell on *“what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, praiseworthy”* (Phil 4:8).

Lord, remind us that:

- Your grace is sufficient (2 Cor 12:9)
- We are not alone, but You are with us. You are our *“refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”* (Ps 46:1)
- You are in control and are worthy of our trust – *“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted”* (Job 42:2); *“When I am afraid, I put my trust*

*in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?" (Ps 56:3-4)*

- *Your plan is good. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Rom 8:28)*

## **Day 14: Praying for the Vulnerable: For the Elderly and Children**

Psalm 71:17-24

*17 O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds. 18 And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come. 19 For Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens, You who have done great things; O God, who is like You? 20 You who have shown me many troubles and distresses Will revive me again, And will bring me up again from the depths of the earth. 21 May You increase my greatness and turn to comfort me. 22 I will also praise You with a harp, Even Your truth, O my God; To You I will sing praises with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. 23 My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You; And my soul, which You have redeemed. 24 My tongue also will utter Your righteousness all day long; For they are ashamed, for they are humiliated who seek my hurt.*

The Lord has a great purpose during this time to use the elderly to declare the Lord's strength to generations under them. And the Lord desires for children to grow in the knowledge of the glory of Lord just like this Psalter was taught from his youth, the children need to hear of His glory. And just like the Psalter declared the Lord's strength, this is quite a time to declare it as well. The Lord has great purpose for the children and the elderly, and we want to pray for them, and we want to praise the Lord for them as well as for His truth that can be held onto and comfort He brings. Just as the Psalter wrote, "May You increase my greatness and turn to comfort me. I will also praise You with a harp, Even Your truth, O my God; to You I will sing praises with the lyre, O holy One of Israel."

### **Please take some time and pray through the points:**

· Pray that the Lord would sustain the vulnerable, the elderly and children. That He would protect them during this time. Take some time and pray specifically by name the children in your life (whether your children, your nieces and nephews, or neighbor kids, national partner's children, and the kids you see in your normal life activities), in this cluster, affinity, and company. And then the children in South Asia that might not have such provisions to help comfort and protect them.

Do the same for the elderly. Pray for those elderly in your family, your neighbors, those blue haired aunties that have been praying for you fervently. Culturally, the family system in place is set up so that the son takes care of the parents. But there are plenty of "aunties" and "uncles" that do not have someone looking out for them or now their family member cannot get to them.

· Ask the Lord how we can be His hands and feet during this time for the children and the aunties and uncles around us? As with open hands, how to be used by Him for them in this unique time.

· Pray for the children and elderly who at the moment are sick with the COVID19. Pray that the Lord would heal them, comfort them, give them rest in the midst of their fever, aches, and pain and any ailments that come from the virus and other conditions. Pray that they and their families would have peace that passes all understanding and that if they do not, that they would seek it out; that they would seek and call upon the Lord.

· Pray for the elderly that are in Christ, sick or not, that they would give a great testimony by their lives about Christ and His mighty work in them and pray that the children, these other generations would listen and heed their wisdom!

· Let's praise the Lord for who He is and seek His face during this time for these people, dear aunties and uncles and children. The Lord is our great Comforter, our Redeemer, God of all truth, righteous and just, and worthy of all praise!

## **Day 15: Abiding in Christ: For His Word to Spread in Creative Ways**

Psalms 96:3 *“Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.”*

Mark 16:15 *“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.’”*

First Thessalonians 3:1: *“Finally brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,”*

It is the gospel that is the power of God for salvation (Rom 1:16). There is no other hope the world needs in this moment. While many of us are confined to homes, we praise God that He is not confined, nor is His Word confined. **Pray that just as His Word sped forth into Thessalonica and many lost were saved, that His Word would continue to speed forth into unreached places, into the hearts of unreached peoples.**

- \* Pray that we and other believers can come up with creative ways to share the gospel
- \* Pray that believers will share the gospel through the telephone, by calling people who are not believing.
- \* Pray believers will be bold in sharing through WhatsApp and other messaging services
- \* Pray for the good news to be shared on radio and television programs. Pray for access to this type of programming and for creative ways to share His Word and His Story.
- \* Pray for website design, online chat rooms, and social media to be flooded with His message of love and hope to the nations.

**Spend a few minutes thinking about some creative ways in which you could share God’s Word with others. Go and do it.**

## **Day 16: Character of God: For Sight of His Righteousness & Faithfulness**

### ***Righteousness of God***

***Romans 3:21-26 (NIV) 21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.***

***22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,***

***23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,***

***24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.***

***25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—***

***26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.***

Lord God, we praise you because you alone are truly Just and Righteous! The world we live in claims many truths about what is right and wrong. Some even claim there is no actual basis to say what is wrong. Yet all these voices of the world in one way or another base their judgements upon human wisdom. They either say that sin is not so bad, or that God is too good to actually bring judgment on sin and sinful persons.

***But Thanks be to God!*** He is faithful to himself and his law! His law demands punishment! And, being faithful, he executed punishment because of all who had, and have sinned against him. Though we all have sinned against him and deserve punishment, he provided a substitute in our place! That substitute is our Lord, Jesus Christ! We often say that he did that because he loves us so much. And that is true! But the Word also tells us he did this to demonstrate his righteousness. God's righteousness is irrefutable! To make a law and then to not fulfill the requirements of that law would not be right. But God being absolutely right, righteous, completely fulfilled the requirements of his law!!! He placed his own Son on the cross to be punished and to die in our place! And then he revealed to us this truth so we could have opportunity to believe and receive it by faith. What a Holy and Righteous God!

***Today pray that all who have fallen short of the Glory of God will have opportunity to hear this truth and believe. He is righteous. And the righteous requirements of the law must be fulfilled. The requirement has been completed. Yet how will they believe if they don't hear?***



## Faithfulness of God

### *Lamentations 3: 19-23*

***“I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall, I well remember them and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your FAITHFULNESS.”***

*Adoration* – Lord Jesus, I love You and worship You. I bow down in holy reverence to You as You invite me in to the Holy of Holies. As I enter in, help me to just gaze upon ***Your beauty*** and linger there a while....there is nothing like Your presence...help me to worship You from my spirit and in truth.

*Confession* – Call to my mind, God, the wanderings of my heart....search me. I want to quickly confess my sin and repent so I can be cleansed and purified so I will reflect You. Don’t let me become bitter, but let me be a forgiving person so that I may walk in ***Your freedom*** and not be deceived by the evil one.

*Thanksgiving* – Thank You, Lord, for Your great love and Your compassion. ***Because of Your great love, I am not consumed!*** Things around me right now seem to be very consuming...but every morning...EVERY morning Your mercies and compassions are new and You are sufficient, therefore I have hope. Praise Your Name!

*Supplication* – Lord Jesus, I intercede for those around me who don’t know You. They are spiritually dead and have no hope. Open their eyes to their neediness! Let them see their “wanderings, the bitterness and the gall”! ***Lamentations 3:38 says, “Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?”*** I know that You, O Lord, are in control of all things. But even as ***“Moses stood in the breach before the LORD to keep His wrath from destroying them” (Ps. 106:23)***, I cry out for the people of ***Sri Lanka, Maldives, South India*** and intercede on their behalf. Have mercy on them...show them that it is only through Your love and Your faithfulness that they are not consumed!

## **Day 17: Praying for the Church: For Local Churches to Be Light**

Many nations here in South Asia have a very small percentage of people who are followers of Jesus. At first glance, the numbers can be very discouraging. How is it possible for this nation with millions of lost and suffering people to hear the good news and be saved?

In Luke 10:2 Jesus commands His disciples to pray for more laborers in the harvest fields. *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

While we may first think to pray and ask Father to send laborers from another place into this harvest field, today we want to ask you to lift up the local bodies of believers that are here. Please pray with us that local churches would take up the responsibility of obedience to Jesus’ call themselves. We believe that the Father can start a powerful movement of kingdom growth through local bodies of believers, everyday believers, going out into their circles and spheres of influence, being light and proclaiming the good news.

Would local church communities also rise up in this season of trial and be the hands and feet of Jesus. Would they be *“the light of the world”* and *“a city set on a hill”* that *“cannot be hidden”*, as Christ calls His followers to be in Matthew 5:14. Pray for local believers to let their *“light shine before others, so that [the world] would see [their] good works and give glory to [our] Father who is in heaven.”* (Matt 5:16)

James 2:15-17 says, *“If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good[b] is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”* Pray that the believers here would act on their faith and demonstrate the love of Christ in tangible ways! Would believers in their local communities be moved by compassion to reach out to the people around them.

Please pray specifically that:

—Local believers would be bold to share the good news with the people around them

—Believers would respond to the suffering people all around them with practical generous acts of compassion and love

—Overall people would see a difference in the lives of believers so that they would be attracted to them and want to know why they have such joy/peace/love/etc.

## **Day 18: Praying for the Lost: For Brokenness and Conviction**

### Adoration

O Lord, our Lord,

*how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

*You have set your glory above the heavens.*

<sup>2</sup> *Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.*

<sup>3</sup> *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

<sup>4</sup> *what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?*

<sup>5</sup> *Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings<sup>Ⓜ</sup>  
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

<sup>6</sup> *You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,*

<sup>7</sup> *all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,*

<sup>8</sup> *the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

<sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord,  
*how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

*Psalm 8, ESV*

**Father God, we praise You for Your love for mankind and Your determination to reconcile humanity to Yourself (2 Cor. 5:19). In Your power and magnificence, You created us in Your own image; You made us in Your likeness (Gen. 1:26, 27)!**

### Confession

*I acknowledged my sin to you,*

*and I did not cover my iniquity;*

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"*

*and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*Psalm 32:5, ESV*

**Lord, we confess our own sinfulness and that of all mankind. We have rebelled against you, our Creator and the only true God. We have made idols for ourselves and worshiped the *created* rather than the *Creator*. All our efforts to cure ourselves of our sickness have failed miserably and we are broken before you. There is no one else that we can turn to. There is nothing else that we can depend on. There is no hope apart from You.**

### Thanksgiving

*But when Christ<sup>12</sup> had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

*<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,*

*<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”*

*<sup>17</sup>then he adds,*

*“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”*

*<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.*

Hebrews 10:12-18, ESV

**Jesus, we thank You that You did not abandon us in our helpless condition. Thank You for Your sacrifice on the cross, whereby we have opportunity to receive forgiveness and salvation. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, convicting us of sin, righteousness and judgement. Thank You that Your righteous rule is sure and that it will have no end.**

### Supplication

*Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God,<sup>1</sup> we do not lose heart.<sup>2</sup> But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice<sup>3</sup> cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants<sup>6</sup> for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Cor. 4:1-6, ESV

**Lord, we pray for the salvation of the nearly 300 million lost souls living in South India, the Andaman, Nicobar, and Lakshadweep Islands, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives. We ask you to send a multitude of workers into these harvest fields who will boldly proclaim the gospel message to them. We pray that they would recognize their utter hopelessness apart from faith in only You. Holy Spirit, convict them of their sin. Reveal to them their desperate situation. Whatever is needful and in accordance with your divine will and plan, we beg you to employ it for their good and for Your glory. If dreams and visions are needed to awaken them from their slumber and the enemy's deception, send them. If healings and**

**signs and wonders are needed, then demonstrate your power and authority over human wisdom, false gods, sickness, death, and nature. Empower Your messengers to clearly communicate Your truth and then accompany it with Your power. You are the only One who can save. May the nations know that You are Lord of all and worthy to be praised!**

## **Day 19: Praying for the Virus Situation Itself: For the General Population**

For many, the spread of COVID-19 has come like thick darkness to confuse, discourage, and cause panic. The LORD speaks of a day like this through the prophet Malachi, a day when the arrogant and evildoers will be humbled. Yet the LORD of hosts says in Malachi 4:2, *“for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.”*

Our world needs light and healing in dark times. We need the light of Christ today. We need what Zechariah prophesies in Luke 1:78-79: *“the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

- Cast your cares upon the Lord. Lay before him your experience of these days. Bring him your confusion, discouragement, fear, anger, etc. and see his light on the horizon.
- Pray for the light of Christ to give light to those who sit in the shadow of death. May many find hope in Jesus who transforms the world. May he guide us into the way of peace.
- Cry out to God for his tender mercy upon our world. May his great power bring healing among the nations. May he bring an end to the spread of COVID-19.
- Pray that God’s purposes through this season be fulfilled. May his rebuke be known among the peoples. May many turn from their sin to the living God. May the Lord’s people take it to heart to give honor to his name. May God be feared and his name esteemed.

## **Day 20: Praying for Peace: For Peace with One Another**

Romans 15:5–6:

*“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Spend 2-3 minutes identifying and mentally describing your present need for endurance during this season. What does your need look like? Feel like? When during your day does this need present itself? Perhaps even write down a few examples (i.e. when the children are restless yet cannot leave the house; in the afternoon when it's really hot and people are short with each other; when you've run out of things to work on; when you just need fresh air).

Do the same for encouragement. What does your need look like? When are you prone to feel discouraged, or even just apathetic? Jot down a few examples.

Lastly, consider those around you--your family, teammates, fellow workers, and/or faith family. When are you likely to be short with one-another or stop believing the best in one-another? What does it look like for you to stop living harmoniously (working in unison to bring your various gifts in service to one-another and the body at large) and instead to just co-exist? When does that happen? When are you prone to discord and in what circumstances? What would it look like for you to once again pursue harmonious living to the glory of God? How would it be fueled? What would it look like? Jot down your thoughts.

With all of the above in mind, slowly pray through verses 5 & 6 above, seeking that the God of all endurance and encouragement would grant you to live in harmony with one-another, considering each other more significant than yourselves, being fueled by the deep delight, encouragement, and endurance that is yours in the abiding presence of the Lord.

## **Day 21: Praying for the Vulnerable: For the Sick, the Isolated, Those Battling Dependencies and Temptations**

There are so many hurting people around the world, believers and lost, who are suffering and vulnerable through this time of social distancing and isolation. Pray that the Church might rise up in this season and encourage each other, especially those walking alone in these unsure days. Praise God for the Hope that we have and the Gospel we've been commanded to share!

- **Pray for those who are actively battling Covid-19.** Ask that they might place their eternal hope for healing in the hands of the Great Physician who hears their cries and knows their hardship. *Psalm 23:4; Psalm 57:1*
- **Pray for those whose loved ones have been diagnosed and they are having to watch from a distance.** Ask that they would not be anxious for their loved ones but rely on the One who cares even for the birds of the air. *1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6*
- **Pray for those suffering from depression.** Ask that they would be reminded of the nearness and understanding of the One who intercedes for us (*Matt 14:13*) and that is the stability in the midst of this storm. *Isaiah 33:6; Hebrews 4:15-16*
- **Pray for those struggling with addictions and dependencies.** Ask that the Father would break the chains that bind them and release them from their desperate desires. Pray the Body would rise up and encourage them towards Holiness and release through Christ Jesus. *1 Corinthians 10:13-14; Mathew 26:14; Titus 2:12*
- **Pray for those abused, especially those potentially isolated with their abuser.** Ask that the Father would not only powerfully protect the abused but that the Holy Spirit would work powerfully in the life of the abuser to bring them from darkness into Heavenly light. *Psalm 91; Psalm 46:1-3*
- **Pray for those who are weak, whether from temptations, illness, fear, or unbelief.** Ask that they might be made strong through the Power of Jesus Christ. Ask that they would fear no evil or scheme of Hell, but trust wholly in the greatness of our God. *1 Peter 5:10; Philippians 4:13*
- **Pray for those new believers surrounded by their former temptations.** Ask that they would draw strength from the Word and from the Body. Ask that they would be diligent in putting off the old self and straining hard towards the goal of Righteousness and new life through Christ Jesus. *Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-3; Hebrews 4:15-16*