

Good Friday Fasting & Prayer 2021

Guidelines for Home prayer:

- In view of the Pandemic, we are having a shorter time of prayer at church to avoid people spending too much time together in case of inadvertent exposure to infection. The time of prayer will be between 11 am to 2 pm.
- We will not be live streaming the program, as it may be a hindrance to personal and family prayer for those who choose to pray at home.
- As a loose guideline, we have allowed for 10 minutes for reflection on the Word, and 20 minutes for prayer. However, you may follow your own timetable based on your time availability.
- You may pray alone, with your family or join with friends on an online platform like Zoom or Skype.
- We hope you will have a meaningful time of prayer.



Session I

Meditation: The Cross and His Second Coming

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 1:24; Colossians 2:14

Question: How is the Cross assuring you of Salvation?

Prayer Time:

Elections and related matters:

- Pray for Leaders to be elected as per God's Sovereign plan for now and the future.
- To make each voter conscious of the duty to exercise franchise, as a responsibility.
- That leaders thus elected may be sensitive to the needs of the people under their jurisdiction, setting aside personal agendas. The desire to serve should be their prime mover.
- For safety of the Election officials: that they be protected from violence, in good health of body and mind and not be discouraged by challenges of their work.
- For smooth conduct of the elections across the country, effective functioning of the EVMs, and the steps to be taken while counting the votes.
- For the Police and paramilitary forces to carry out their duties with effectiveness and sensitiveness.
- For our armed forces and police personnel in general for their sacrificial service for the security of our nation

Session II

Meditation: The Cross and His Second Coming

Scripture reading: Matthew 16:24; Romans 6:8

Question: How is the Cross leading you in Sanctification?

Prayer Time:

Women's Issues:

- Pray that women be treated with respect and not taken advantage of, especially the single, the elderly and the illiterate.
- For leaders to be chosen who have a heart for welfare of women; social justice for them, their health issues, their economic schemes and to increase their employment opportunities.
- Women may be given equal footing in private life as well as in public domain, not looked down upon as vassals.
- That evil customs, superstition, and cruelty such as female infanticide, witch hunting, the use of witchcraft over women, dowry deaths and domestic violence may be eradicated through love and concern.
- Educational avenues, skills training, work forums may be activated to enable women to realize their full potential as home and nation builders.
- That more social workers and medical practitioners will arise among women to address their needs.
- That women and children, especially the girl child would be seen as gifts from God and as treasures to build a better society.

Session III

Meditation: The Cross and His Second Coming

Scripture reading: Philippians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 5:8

Question: How is the Cross warning you of Satan's deceptions?

Prayer Time:

Missionaries and Persecution of Minorities:

- For God's protection around Missionaries and their families in their respective fields of Ministry
- That their work may be appreciated as efforts to show the love of Christ and serve society.
- For Govts. and law enforcement agencies to be impartial and fair when dealing with false accusations against them.
- For the peace of mind and a fearless spirit among Missionaries, their families and children so that their life-styles will be a witness to God's love and concern for the lost.
- That those working against the Gospel will one day become your supporters as Saul became Paul

Session IV

Meditation: The Cross and His Second Coming

Scripture reading: Galatians 6:14; Galatians 5:24

Question: How is the Cross liberating you from temporal Satisfactions?

Prayer Time:

Pandemic and related matters:

- God's protection on frontline workers and the entire medical fraternity.
- For speedy and effective roll out of the vaccination programme all over the world with equitable distribution of the vaccines.
- That individuals should accept their responsibility in observing Covid related SOPs, maintain social distancing, hand hygiene and wearing of face masks.
- That educational institutions should be able to effectively conduct classes either physically or virtually, so that students do not lose academic time.
- For teachers to adapt to new skills in conducting on-line classes and cultivate the bond between teacher and student.
- For the elderly and vulnerable in society to be protected from the virus.
- God's strength for those grieving the loss of loved ones, those who have lost jobs and income, for those who are in hospitals facing anxiety and loneliness owing to isolation.
- That soon we should be able to meet, greet loved ones as in the past.
- That the pandemic should enable the country to strengthen its medical infrastructure and services.

Session V

Meditation: The Cross and His Second Coming

Scripture reading: Hebrews 9:28; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Question: How is the Cross preparing you for His Second Coming?

Prayer Time:

Our Church and its Ministries:

- Praise God for enabling us to celebrate the Bicentennial Year as we did, despite the many uncertainties we faced.
- Praise God for the vision of our founders who have given us this rich and beautiful legacy.
- Praise God for providing us talent among our Members, the youth, the choir, the staff, our Evangelists and Pastors.
- Pray that our Evangelists should not be discouraged but take joy in the fact that their labour in the Lord is never in vain.
- That despite the restrictions of physical meetings, we should conduct our Services, Sunday School, Choir practices, Bible studies, SALT and other Ministries with prayerful concentration.
- For God's special provision on our outreach Churches, the Pastors located there, the staff for their good health and safety.
- That all our Ministries, AKCDC, RMDCC, ASHA, Medical missions, Village Ministry, Counselling Ministry, Evangelism and Mission Outreach Ministry, Hindi Ministry, should be safe from any political or other negative interference.
- God should provide us the means and finance, through the loving and liberal tithing of the congregation for the maintenance of these Ministries.
- That all Churches, Missions, evangelists, apologists and Govt. authorities will work together in harmony to spread the Gospel and proclaim that Christ is the light of the world.
- That the need for amity, concord be felt amongst various Christian denominations so that they set an example to non-believers.
- That Christ in His mercy should cleanse the Churches of hypocrisy, corruption, caste barriers, lust for lucre, other forms of sin, before preaching to others.
- That court cases among believers and Churches should be amicably settled without resorting to litigation and appearances before non-believer Judges.
- Above all, that there should be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that a revival takes place in The Kirk at Egmore and all sister Churches.

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