

Prayer and Praise Reminders

March 22, 2020

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalms 46:1

“I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all of my fear. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.” Psalms 34:4, 7

“For God has not given us a spirit of and timidity but of power, love and discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” Psalm 56:3

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Our world is filled with fear because of the coronavirus. We see it and hear about it everywhere we turn. Most people do not want to die and fear the potential of this virus. The economy of the world is slowing down. Many people are being affected financially including many of us. So, what should we do? We should pray. God is getting the attention of our world. This is a time to be bold for the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have the answer to a problem that is much greater than this virus. It is the penalty for sin that Jesus dealt with on the cross through His death and resurrection. However, those that refuse to accept Jesus' death for their sins are still under the wrath of God that Jesus came to take care of. Salvation is a gift of God that must be received individually.

Not only should we pray, we should actively tell people about Jesus. Our world is much more open to Jesus in times of crisis than when everything is going well. If we had a cure for this virus, we would tell everyone. We have a cure for something much greater-the cure for our separation from God because of our sin.

We should be open to helping those in need whatever it might be. Jesus called us to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. We can do this as we allow his Holy Spirit to fill us and to guide us each day. People fear this virus and what it is costing the world financially. This is the time to rise up and to represent Jesus. He is the resurrection and the life. Everyone who believes in Him will never die-John 11.

Let us give our time this week to pray: pray for our leaders having to make difficult decisions, pray for those working on a cure for this disease, pray for the people in our world facing extreme fear because they do not know Jesus, pray for boldness to speak up for Jesus, pray that millions in our world would turn to Jesus. This is not a time to be quiet. This is a time to pray and to proclaim the good news that Jesus came to deliver. Pray that as a church we would repent, and that repentance would be seen and felt all over this world. Pray for spiritual renewal worldwide.

Please pray for Steve Clover, one of our Sunrise missionaries. Praise God he made it out of PNG (on the last flight out) and landed in Australia. Pray that now he makes all his connections to be able to fly out of Australia and be back home safely. God can do this. Let's pray.

Please be in prayer for Italy as they face this crisis of the Coronavirus that has killed and weakened so many. Samaritans purse is sending a team of doctors and nurses to help out in the most affected area.

Please pray for the Adventure Church in Duvall, WA, a church of Converge Northwest that burned down this week.

Many people in our church need prayers this week. Please pray as the Holy Spirit leads you, but please, pray.

Pray that our Sunrise Family stays connected during this difficult time of uncertainty and that we would be a blessing to our community and our world.