

## **Growing in Spiritual Maturity**

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”(2 Peter 3:18)*

### **REFLECTION**

COVID19 has disrupted much of our familiar routine. Schools were closed for awhile. Those who usually commute to work had to adjust to working from home. Personal space and physical interaction have been limited by the Circuit Breaker. The Great 2020 Disruption has caused anxiety and tested our patience. Yet it is in such a disruptive time that we can review our own faith in and our relationship with God. Perhaps we have stood still in our faith journey. Perhaps in recent years when times were good, we have neglected our spiritual health and exercise; and allowed the pursuit of material comfort to displace Jesus from the centre of our lives. Now is a good time to reset our priorities and to say to God, “Lord, forgive me if I have stagnated in my walk with you. Help me once again to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.”

### **PRAYER**

*O Lord, our God. We are troubled by the widespread social and personal upheavals in our turbulent times. While we pray for You to help those who in distress, we also ask that You remind us of the need to watch over our own spiritual development and not neglect it. Teach us to daily draw closer to You through intimate prayer, intentional study of your word, and application of Your truth and commands in our daily living. Help us to grow in spiritual maturity, and in our love for you as well as for our neighbours. Amen.*

### **SUPPLICATION**

- Father God, help us to avail ourselves to spiritual disciplines which will nurture our well-being. Help us to cultivate a healthy rhythm in prayer, witness, outreach, Bible study, worship and fellowship.
- Forgive us if we have been slow in following your teachings and quick in embracing the values set for us by our godless world. We want to be your

light and salt which will lead people to the saving knowledge of Christ.

- We entrust our Small Group leaders and Sunday School teachers into Your loving hands as they are tasked with teaching members of their groups and students in our Sunday School. Grant them Your strength and grace as they reach out to both the young and old online. May their teaching and nurturing ministries truly bless and enrich those who are under their care.
- We commit the various theological schools and seminaries in Singapore unto You. These are the places where future pastors, church workers, and missionaries receive their training. Supply the seminaries with teachers who love you and who are interested in imparting not merely head knowledge, important though this is, but also promoting both scholarship and spirituality.

*“My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine.*

*Now hear me while I pray. Take all my guilt away.*

*O, let me from this day be wholly Thine.”*

*(Ray Palmer)*

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