

PRAYER BULLETIN #47, 10Oct2020

GOD CARES FOR YOU

*"Cast your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
"(1 Peter 5:7)*

REFLECTION

It is a blessing when we are able to sleep well every night. Most of us have been blessed with regular good night's rest. But not everyone can have a good sleep every night. One of the major reasons for not being able to sleep properly is anxiety which we carry. We worry about illness. We worry about our future. We worry about job security. We worry about our children's well-being. We worry about our aged parents. We worry about failures. We worry. Being anxious can make our life miserable instead of living an abundant life that is filled with hope and peace. The early Christians under the care of Peter had their shares of anxieties. They were targeted for persecution and many of them suffered dearly because of their faith. Peter had to calm their spirit by advising them to place their anxiety on the Lord "because he cares for you." If for whatever reason we feel bogged down by anxieties, we can leave such anxieties at the feet of God, and trust him to help us overcome. Someone once said, and I paraphrase, "If you cannot sleep because of anxieties, do not count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd. He cares for you."

PRAYER

O Lord, our God, thank you for being our heavenly Father. We are grateful that you love us and you care for us. In times when we feel swamped by worries and anxieties, teach us to look to you for relief and help. Calm our troubled spirits with your peace that passes all understanding. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- We thank God for further relaxation of restrictions governing human gathering and interaction. Pray that as rules are further relaxed, people in Singapore will not be reckless, but will exercise

social responsibilities to ensure that the risk of spreading Covid-19 will be controlled.

- Pray for churches as we prepare for the gradual opening of our sanctuaries for public worship. It will not be a quick return to what we were used to before the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. Ask God to guide our pastors and ministry staff who are preparing for changes to be made to our Sunday gathering.
- Continue to cover in prayer those who are sick; those who have lost their jobs; and those who felt isolated. We pray that God will grant them healing and timely practical help.
- Pray for our government as they attend to both the immediate needs of our people disrupted by the Covid-19 and at the same time, put in place plans for the country to recover from a massive economic setback. Ask God to guide our leaders in the government, the business world, the academia, the social services, the various professional bodies and religious institutions to work together to improve societal well-being.

*"God will take care of you,
Through every day over all the way.
He will take care of you;
God will take care of you."
(Civilla Durfee Martin)*

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