

## PRAYER BULLETIN #51, 24Oct.20

### “HE AIN’T HEAVY. HE’S MY BROTHER.”

*“Bear one another’s burden, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2*

#### REFLECTION

At the Upper Room, our Lord Jesus left words with His disciples: “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you....” (John 13:34, KJV). That instruction was given on the eve of his trial which ended up with His death at Calvary. Usually the last words of a person before his impending death are essential words which we should pay particular attention to. Jesus had taught as much as He could in the three years He spent with His disciples. What He said at the Upper Room highlighted the core of his teachings to the twelve disciples. It is no surprise that He had to remind them of the central teaching of love, especially loving one another. But love can be misunderstood. It can be subjective. It can be a cheap demand or meaningless assertions. True love must be embodied in the way we live our life and tested out in the way we really care for one another. Paul understood this. That was why he reminded Christians to care for each other; to bear one another’s burden as a “fulfillment of the law of Jesus” which is the command to love. If we truly love, we must learn to provide practical care and sharing of burden. Otherwise our claim to love is just vacuous.

#### PRAYER

*Dear Lord, teach me to put Christian love into action. Help me to care for those who are in need of trustworthy friends. Help me to offer a shoulder to those who have no one to turn to, to have a good cry. Help me to empathise with those who have been over-stretched and emotionally stressed. Help me, dear Lord, to love as Jesus has taught us to love. Amen.*

#### SUPPLICATION

- Thank God for family members and friends who care for us and pray for us. Many of us who have coped well and enjoyed love, peace and joy, do so because of the prayers of loved-ones. Whoever

those ‘angels’ might be, give thanks to God for their care and interest in our well-being.

- Pray for those who are going through rough patches in life. Pray that God will grant them strength and perseverance in their life journey, that their troubles will pass them by quickly and their burdens will be lifted soon.
- In recent weeks Cambodia and Vietnam have experienced heavy downpours, causing floods which have destroyed lives and properties. Pray that help will reach those who have no home to return to and with no means to purchase daily necessities. Pray that urgent resources, administrative aid and medical assistance will reach the most vulnerable persons soon.
- As we look into the future, we entrust to God to raise up more Christian workers to serve Him as pastors, missionaries, theologians, church workers and real influencers in the various spheres of life. We pray that more Christians, especially those with shepherd hearts, scholar minds and servant hands to step forward, to serve God. We pray that our Lord will give us faithful workers/leaders with wisdom, right attitude, humble disposition and the fear of God to bless the Church and society.

*“Bear ye one another’s burden,  
As ye struggle on through life.  
Turn not on your erring brother,  
Add not to his care and strife.  
Let your heart beat kindly for him,  
For this world with sin is rife.  
If his burden be so heavy  
That he stoops beneath the care,  
Help him bear it, of your vigor  
Give him as you well can spare.”  
(J. William Van Namee)*

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