

PRAYER BULLETIN #56, 11 Nov 2020

SPURRING ONE ANOTHER FOR GOOD DEEDS

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day is approaching."
(Hebrews 10:24,25)*

REFLECTION

This year has been a perplexing year. Apart from impacting the wider world of commerce, people movement, social function, and business arrangement, COVID pandemic has forced the Church to adjust the way Church life is usually practiced and in the process caused the people of God to re-evaluate their understanding of what is really the Church and what are the irreducible core of that constitutes the Church. Such a "shake-up" have caused many to come to term with a refreshed view of the Church which hopefully help discard the frills and froths of superficial faith and to return and embrace spiritual disciplines and practices that will build up the believers as faithful followers of Christ. Closer to home, no matter how we might have been disorientated by changes to our Christian gatherings at this time, as conditions improve in the coming months, it would be appropriate not to be too comfortable with staying at home until we forget to meet for service, fellowship, worship and witness. Whatever the circumstances, part of who we are as the Church must be seen in our willingness to "spur one another toward love and good deeds."

PRAYER

Our heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into Your Church when we made Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Your Church is where we receive our Christian teachings, exercise Christian love and offer Christian support. It is a community where we worship You and seek to glorify Your name. Forgive us when we have forgotten who we are and what Your Church should be. Remind us that Christ is the Head of Your Church and we are sinners redeemed by Him. Let Christ be the centre of our personal life. Let Christ be the centre of Your Church. Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Thank God for the local Church where fellow Christians can meet in persons or in this season, via virtual communication, for worship, study and mutual encouragement. Although we are still not able to meet for regular worship in our sanctuary, pray that members will find ways to support and attend to each other with prayer, service and giving, even if we have to carry out many of our duties online for the immediate future.
- Pray for members, especially the elderly, who might have felt isolated by the safe distancing measures introduced to control the spread of coronavirus. Ask God to raise up willing volunteers who will extend care to the lonely elderly, through visitation and call.
- Lift up to God the various ministries of the Church which continue to serve the community via different means of contact and communications. Thank God for the faithfulness and commitment of those who oversee such ministries. May God bless these brothers and sisters who ensure that Sunday Schools, Senior Groups, and outreach works continue unimpeded.
- Many overseas missions have been affected by border shutdowns and cancellation of flights. Pray that those works will not be too adversely affected by the absence or delay of workers and supplies. Pray that the good work done would even bear fruit in such challenging circumstances. May the Lord be gracious and merciful to extend His hand to touch areas and communities that are hard to reach.

*"Reach out and touch a soul that is hungry,
Reach out and touch a spirit in despair.
Reach out and touch a life that is torn and dirty,
A man who is lonely ... if you care."
(Otis Skillings)*

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