

## PRAYER BULLETIN #57, 14 Nov 2020

### THY WILL BE DONE

***Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." James 4:13-15***

### REFLECTION

It is presumptuous and arrogant of us to plan and live our days as though what will happen tomorrow is a certainty. Scriptures tell us that our days are not our own to control and we direct our own steps in vain (Jeremiah 10:23). Time is in God's hands alone (Psalm 31:15) and everything has been outlined by Him for His purpose (Psalm 139:16). As God created us in our mothers' wombs, He remains fully involved in our lives (Ephesians 1:2-10). Humility takes a tentative posture admitting that we are not in control; rather we live and breathe each day by God's grace. As children and teenagers we often balked and rebelled against our parents whenever they imposed their will or curfews on us for our own good. Our parents in their wisdom cared for and protected us with certain boundaries. However, God does not impose his boundaries outlined in His Word on us; He invites us to choose. In His Word God constantly warns us against the lure and addiction to worldly fame and fortune that drive one into meaningless pursuits in life.

Listen to a millionaire doctor who learned about the brevity of life and wished he could turn back time to live more purposefully.

<https://epochtimes.today/singapore-millionaire-doctor-who-died-from-cancer-shared-his-last-words-on-life-wealth-success-happiness/>

Life is brief, we are here today and gone tomorrow. What will your life be about? I invite you to examine the plans you make for your life (Psalm 139:23-24). Are these plans aligned with God's safe boundaries and purposes? Are you actively seeking God's will in your life?

### PRAYER

Prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury:

*O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire You with our whole heart, that in so doing we may seek and find You*

*and in finding You may love You and so loving may hate the sins from which You have delivered us through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

### SUPPLICATION

- Pray for those who have lost their purpose and meaning in life, who only seek worldly profit and promotion. Pray for those enticed by lust and addiction to the love of power. Pray for those in leadership positions to lead with humility. Pray that they allow God to shape their hearts and align with His heartbeat so that they will do His will.
- Pray for those seeking to know God's will for their lives. Pray for healthy introspection, moments of silence and solitude seeking God through His Word and genuine worship. Pray for believers to love God's word and to linger with Him in deep reflection. Pray for mature Christians to journey alongside new Christians, to mentor and guide each growing Christian in learning how to hear the Shepherd's voice amidst the voice of the world. Pray for such a witness of God's love in the BRMC community.
- Pray for Singapore to be a truly Godly value-driven rather than a profit-driven society. Pray for compassion and care to be evident in the community such that each citizen will be mindful of and care for each other. Pray against division and disunity in the society.
- Thank God for how He has led many during this COVID pandemic to be His salt and light in the world - many accounts of individuals, families, small businesses and corporations taking the initiative to bless the community with free food, groceries, household items, hot meals to medical personnel who care tirelessly for patients; retired doctors and nurses who have stepped up to serve in various caring capacities; and others who contributed computers and other digital devices for needy students to do home schooling and for elderly to connect etc. Praise God for these Covid-19 heroes and may God bless them richly.

*Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12*

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