

## **LIVING UNTO GOD AND OTHERS**

*"And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."*

*2 Corinthians 5:15*

### **REFLECTION**

We have recently celebrated Holy Week where we once again "relived" how God did a new thing that has changed our lives permanently. The extraordinary power of God changed us from within and released us into the world. We were once in darkness, defeated by sin and destined to perish in death. But now the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us.

God has granted us this same Spirit to live within our mortal bodies so that we may experience this new life (Rom 8:11), a life with greater purpose. With the power of God inside of us, we are no longer slaves to every evil inclination in our hearts. We no longer live for ourselves but for God's purpose. We don't just live for the here and now, we live with eternity in mind for God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. We have a glorious inheritance in the Lord! We have been transferred into His Kingdom of Light and have the freedom and power of God to resist evil and repent from our sin (Col 1:13-14).

We live with a new agenda. We no longer live for our own comfort and selfish desires. We live for Him who for our sake died, was buried and raised to life. Whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we now do in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Master and Saviour (Colossians 3:17). Our new agenda is focused on love, joy and passion that comes from a loving and forgiving God who transforms us from within with His love and light for His glory and good purpose.

### **PRAYER**

*God our Father, whatever we do in this life, in our families, in our workplaces, in our communities, teach us to do so in honour of Christ who died and was raised for our sake. Clothe us in Christ, that all may see the love of Jesus in us. Amen.*

### **SUPPLICATION**

- Pray for governments, corporations and institutions to emphasize the shared and collective behaviours to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Pray for our communities (both individuals and families) that solidarity instead of selfishness would be evident. Pray for continual vigilance in communities such that people would behave responsibly towards each other instead of being complacent and socially reckless. Pray for responsible handling of COVID related news in the social media and not to promote any fake news or misinformation.
- Pray for proper conduct that would promote smooth and uninterrupted international trade, for global markets to be transparent on trade-related policy and practice, so that supply chains, especially for essential health and food supplies, would not be impeded. Pray that countries will not put up unnecessary trade restrictions and barriers; especially in the midst of this COVID crisis.
- Pray for improvement in international relations among countries, that there would be more coordinated political cooperation and the reduction of diplomatic tensions. Pray for a unified response from different countries to the health and economic crisis all over the world.
- Pray for churches and help agencies that are assisting individuals and families to cope with crises during the COVID pandemic. Thank God for many who show a spirit of others-centeredness. Pray that the spirit of volunteerism and acts of altruism would take root in the hearts of people and in society.

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)*

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