

## PRAYER BULLETIN #115, 05JUN2021

### JOY IN OBEDIENCE

*"These things I have spoken to you,  
that my joy may be in you,  
and that your joy may be full."*

John 15:11

#### REFLECTION

The day I wrote this reflection, I also received this notification, "COVID-19: 24 new community cases, with 17 linked to Changi Airport cluster." It was a week of troubling news, escalating war in Israel, rising numbers of infections around the world, and tightening measures in Singapore with no end of the pandemic in sight.

There was the loud voice of the uncertainty of tomorrow that shouted within my heart as I recalled the images of anxiety reflected in the eyes, covered faces and tired voices around me. This depressive sight was getting to me from my shortened trips to the grocery and being in the confines of my house. But rather than letting despair grip me, I turned to the Word of God which can nourish the deep chambers of my heart against the virulent panic of sorrow.

In John 15, we hear Jesus sharing with his disciples a simple truth: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

I pondered upon these words and realized this truth: even amid chaos, God's commandment of love remains. And when we fully obey God's command to love, there is no need for worry! We only need to pray for God's good will to be done! Instead of worrying, we can find ways to strengthen our joy by loving God and others. We can also renew our minds with God's word. The headlines and news has no power to cause hopelessness to remain in us. Instead, crises and chaos can be taken as opportunities for God to send her church to proclaim and minister His love and victory! Yes, God's love will reign and nothing in this world can prevail His purpose and will! Will you then hear the call of God now to pray and reach out to the those who lack true joy and hope?

#### PRAYER

*Our Father, thank you for Your Love which enables us to love others. Open our eyes today to your work and send us LORD to be your salt and light to the world. Grant us a renewed joy in obeying you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

#### SUPPLICATION

- Pray for peace in Jerusalem – the recent escalation of violence has led to many deaths and injuries. Pray for the leadership involved that they would reach a common agreement that would save lives and bring peace to the region without further escalation of violence. The LORD has called us to be peacemakers. May we as Christ's body be instruments of God's peace in prayer.
- Pray for the people in the recent COVID-19 clusters found in Singapore. Many face anxious and even the doctors and nurses also face discrimination due to their proximity with infected patients. Jesus knows the effects of being discrimination. We pray for God's healing and His loving presence to be manifested through His people even in these trying times.
- Pray for the many foreign workers and students who are stuck in Singapore, some for more than a year since the pandemic began. Families with loved ones living abroad can't return home – may God cause His churches all around the world to reach out and minister to these people in love.
- Pray for the churches in Singapore as they discern the call of God during this season. It is a challenging season for many in the body of Christ. May the leaders continue to have the faith to obey God's commands and encourage the body of Christ to reach out in love to all today.

*Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall  
emerge into the light.*

*- Hellen Keller*

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