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THE POWER OF DAILY REMEMBRANCE

*"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden,
The God who is our salvation."*

Psalms 68:19

REFLECTION

When Jesus was asked by His disciples to teach them to pray, the LORD had taught them to approach their Heavenly Father and seek His will. Jesus also taught them, as dear children, to ask God to "give us this day our daily bread." The key word here is "daily." It is not weekly, it is not monthly – the rhythm of praying to God for one's basic necessities was prescribed by Jesus to be daily.

Similarly, Psalms 68:19 reminds us of this same rhythm of remembrance – that our God who is our salvation also bears our burden not yearly, not monthly, not weekly, but daily. What a wonderful promise that God holds Himself accountable to – that we are given renewed opportunities to witness His faithfulness everyday!

We are very forgetful creatures, often frightened by dangers that pale in comparison to what God has faithfully delivered us from in earlier times. We may experience great and miraculous victories – be it spiritual and physical just like the Prophet Elijah on Mount Carmel, but a death threat, an unexpected illness or an unforeseen difficulty can send us deep into depression and hopelessness. Our present hunger and worries for the future often overshadow our past victories with God if we fail to remember them. So how often do we recognize God's work both in the years past and even in the present day?

Joachim Neander shares his reflection of remembering what God has done beautifully in the hymn:

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

So what is our rhythms of remembrance like regarding God's work in and around our lives? Have we marked in our daily routine the habit of witnessing the worthiness of worshipping the God who has uplifted us from our sorrows, sustained us through our most trying times, and reigned over all of our troubles?

My dear brother and sister in Christ, let us even now turn our eyes to Jesus, for we are indeed yoked with Him in our life's journey. He has not, for a moment, abandoned us in carrying our burdens, but has made His salvation, His strength, and

His presence always available to those who cry to Him for help.

If you have not done so, I implore you, my dear friend, for just one week to pray this prayer daily, and experience new mercies and great faithfulness of our loving Father.

PRAYER

Our Father, thank You for what You have done in my life. Indeed if I were to pass You the pages of my life's diary which speak of Your faithfulness, not a single page will be withheld. Today, may I continue to experience Your steadfast love for me as I witness You bearing my life's burdens. May my heart be free to rest in what You are going to do. In Jesus' Name I ask this and pray, Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Pray for peace in the world – countries such as Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Myanmar have been experiencing threats, political instability, and violence towards many civilians. May God send His peace and raise peace-makers amongst them. May the churches in these troubled nations be strengthened and activated for the Lord's mission.
- Pray for the Covid-19 situation in Singapore. We have seen a sudden spike in cases following the Chinese New Year celebrations. May God continue to uphold all the medical workers who have worked tirelessly throughout the public holiday and continue to serve faithfully after this season of celebration. Pray that as a united community we may also be considerate in our attitude and behaviour such that we may grant rest to one another and not add more work for those especially in the service sector.
- Pray for the many foreign workers and students who are stuck in Singapore, some for more than two years since the pandemic began. May they find alternative and helpful communities where they can receive needed support and help. We thank God for new flexible travel options and employers who are gracious and generous in honouring the dignity of those under their charge. May the Lord bless these people.
- Pray for the churches in Singapore as they discern the call of God in this season to be the channel of holiness and blessing to the world today.

*"Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee."
- Praise to The LORD,
Joachim Neader*

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