

Prayer Requests

Pray for spiritual revival in our Church, Annual Convention, For Baptisms, Pray for all our church families, all ministers, all ministries.
Pray for Pr.Koshy Vaidyan, Pr.M.M.Varghese & Dr.Jacob Thomas for mission trips
Pray for the sick – members of our Church and outside of our Church - Pastor Appachan & Aunt, Joel, Joice, Libu George Dubai, Nevin Thomas NY, Stephen Sam Dallas, Robin Phily, Mariamma Thomas, Susan Daniel, Abraham Cherian, Koshy John, Sam NY, K.J.Abraham
Pray for the unsaved ones, near and around.
Pray for the City, State, Nation and for India.
Pray for Christians tortured in North Korea, Middle East, India Jharkhand, U.P., Chattisgarh, Karnataka, AP.
For all those who got recently married. Bessy & Kevin, Shyju & Susan, Soumya & Jaison, Rincy & Jerin, Manju & Sujith, Tincy & Ken Alex & Blessy
For all those who are seeking jobs.

Call unto Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.
Jeremiah 33:3

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Bency Varghese	02	Mercy John	21
Roy Thomas	04	Steen Sam Thomas	22
Divine Thomas	04	Linimol Philip	23
David George	05	Sabel Moleth	25
Allan Thomas	06	Saramma Koshy	28
Srael Molethu	09	Sheela Peter	30
Sijo Kuriakose	09		
Annie Abraham	10		
Cherian Mathen	10		



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mollykutty John	10	Thomas Samuel, Pr. & Mariamma Thomas	16
Rejoe Thomas	10	Bibin Philip & Linimol Philip	19
Belsy Abraham	17	James J John & Suja John	26
Pennamma Koshy	17	Jacob Varghese & Saramma Jacob	26
Ann Mary Daniel	17	Jacob Thomas, Dr. & Sally Thomas	28
Edwin Thomas	21	Sunil George & Anitha George	28

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Changing TIMES....Unchanging TRUTH



Bency Sony

Warm Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I would like to share my simple thoughts to you and highlight an important truth from three different incidents.

The first incident is from the life of Jesus Christ. Two thousand years ago, God sent His Son Jesus Christ, into this world to love, heal and forgive mankind. Yet, mankind hated Him, condemned, spat on Him, and nailed Him to die on the Cross of Calvary. Though we as sinners did this to Him, yet Jesus Christ chose to forgive us. This is obviously evident from His last words on the Cross: “Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34)

The second incident is from the life of Stephen, a disciple of Jesus Christ. Stephen loved Jesus with all his heart but some of the religious Jews hated him, caught him and stoned him to death. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed:” Lord Jesus, receive my spirit, then he fell on his knees and cried out “Lord do not hold this against them and when he said this, he died. (Acts 7: 59)

The third incident is from the life of Gladys Staines, wife of the martyred Australian missionary Dr. Graham Staines. This wonderful couple, blessed with three children came to Orissa, India to share the redeeming and forgiving love of God. This humble family loved, cared and lived among lepers, but certain Hindu fanatics hated him and his work, and one day they burnt Dr. Staines and his sons alive while they were asleep in his car. The police finally caught the culprits and they asked Mrs. Staines what should be done to them and her reply was “I forgive them, set them free”. Her response shocked the entire world. In spite of the tragic death of her beloved husband and children, she wished that the police authorities would free the murderers. Instead of being bitter and unforgiving, she chose to forgive.

In these three different incidents: the persecuted Christ-The Son of God, The persecuted disciple-Stephen and Gladys Staines- the wife of the persecuted missionary-Graham Staines, we learn that though these people suffered persecution, they chose to forgive the people who persecuted them. Jesus Christ came to reveal the true and unchanging love of God. God who loves us with an everlasting love is the same yesterday, today and forever. Time may change, but the unchanging truth is that, God is loving and forgiving. This truth will remain forever. This truth was revealed and demonstrated to us by Jesus on the Cross. Similarly, we as God’s children must learn to forgive others, as God- The Father and Christ forgave us.

To experience forgiveness, we need to confess our sins and we confess through prayer. The Holy Scriptures teach us that “when we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins”(1 John 1:9). When you pour your heart at the feet of Lord with tears and submit your supplications in His presence, He will pour His blessings proportionally in your life. The more you pour sincere tears of deep love, the more you will reap the abundant blessings from God. Dear child of God, not a single drop of your tear that you shed before God will be wasted. Each single drop is accounted by God and it brings its own blessing.

Jesus Christ, Stephen and Gladys Stains grasped and enjoyed the rich love of God and its power. Friends, God’s love is powerful. It has the power to change you. Once you experience God’s forgiving love, your life will be impacted by it and you will bear fruit. Forgiveness is the fruit of God’s love. After reading this short article, I pray that The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance the people whom you need to forgive in your life. Confess your sins to Christ and The Father’s love will enable you to forgive those people who have wronged, hurt or betrayed you. *Sometimes all we need to do is to pray, confess and forgive others as God has forgiven us.* As a church, let us forgive one another and move on.



1. (Books of the Bible) minus (days of rain on Noah in his ark)
2. (Times that the priests walked round Jericho) multiplied by (plagues upon Egypt)
3. (Days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness) divided by (number of gospel writers)
4. (Talents given out by the master in the parable) plus (virgins who had enough oil for their lamps) minus (number of gates of New Jerusalem)
- 5 (Churches in Revelation) multiplied by (stars that bowed down to Joseph in a dream)
6. (Number who carried the paralytic man and lowered him through a roof) plus (baskets of left overs after the feeding of 5000)
7. ((Number of times Naaman dipped himself in the River Jordan) minus (number of true Gods)) all multiplied by (pieces of silver that Jesus was betrayed for)
8. (Number of Psalms) plus (tribes of Israel)) all divided by (number of gifts brought to Jesus by the wise men)
9. ((Number of showbreads placed before the Lord) minus (daughters of the Priest of Midian)) all multiplied by (years that Jephthah judged Israel for)
10. (Carpenters seen by Zechariah in his vision) multiplied by (princes that Darius set over his kingdom)) plus (age when Eli died)

Answers with the next issue. Please email your answers to pfgavoice@gmail.com, those who send correct answers will be rewarded.

നീ നനവുള്ള തോട്ടം പോലെയും വെള്ളം വറ്റിപ്പോകാത്ത നീരുറവു പോലെയും ആകും. യെശയ്യാ 58 - 11

ഒരു മൈതാനത്തിനു വല്ലപ്പോഴും ഒരിക്കൽ വെള്ളം കിട്ടിയാൽ മതി. എന്നാൽ ഒരു പുന്തോട്ടം ദിവസം രണ്ടു പ്രാവശ്യമെങ്കിലും നനയ്ക്കണം. നനവുള്ള തോട്ടത്തിൽ മനോഹരമായ ചെടികളും പൂക്കളും നിറഞ്ഞു നിൽക്കുന്ന കാഴ്ച അനേകരുടെ കണ്ണിനും മനസ്സിനും കുളിർമ്മയേകും.

ഈ ലോകം ഒരു മരുഭൂമിയാണ്. എന്നാൽ ദൈവമക്കളായ നാം അങ്ങനെയല്ല, മറിച്ച് നനവുള്ള തോട്ടം ആയിരിക്കണം എന്നാണ് ദൈവം ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നത്. പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവാകുന്ന നദി ദൈവം നമ്മിലേക്ക് ഒഴുകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. നാം അതിന്റെ ഫലം മറ്റുള്ളവരിലേക്കു പകരുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അത് അനേകരെ തണുപ്പിക്കുകയും ആശ്വസിപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും. മരുഭൂമിയിലെ ചുടേറിയ അനുഭവങ്ങളാൽ തളർന്നും നിരാശപ്പെട്ടും കിടക്കുന്ന അനേകർ നമുക്കു ചുറ്റും ഉണ്ട്. അവരെ സ്നേഹിക്കുവാനും സഹായിക്കുവാനും അവരുടെ കഷ്ടങ്ങളിൽ ധൈര്യപ്പെടുത്തുവാനും ദൈവം നമ്മെ ആക്കിവെച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണ്.



ആത്മാവിന്റെ ഫലമായ സ്നേഹം, സന്തോഷം, സമാധാനം, ദീർഘക്ഷമ, ദയ, പരോപകാരം, വിശ്വസ്ഥത, സൗമ്യത, ഇന്ദ്രിയജയം എന്നിവ നമുക്കു ചുറ്റുമുള്ള അനേക വരണ്ട ജീവിതങ്ങളിലേക്കു പകർന്നു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ നമ്മെ ദൈവകരങ്ങളിൽ സമർപ്പിക്കാം. തളർന്ന കൈകളെ ബലപ്പെടുത്തുവാനും, കൃഷ്ണത മുഴക്കാലുകളെ ഉറപ്പിക്കുവാനും, മനോഭീതിയുള്ളവരോട് നിന്റെ ദൈവം ജീവിക്കുന്നു എന്നു പറയുവാനും നമുക്കു ശിഷ്യന്മാരുടെ നാവുകൾ പ്രാപിക്കാം.

എന്റെ സമാധാനം ഞാൻ നിങ്ങൾക്കു തന്നേച്ചു പോകുന്നു എന്നരുളിച്ചെയ്ത യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ ദിവ്യസമാധാനത്താൽ നമ്മുടെ ഹൃദയങ്ങൾ എപ്പോഴും നിറയപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കാനും, നമ്മുടെ ചുറ്റുപാടും ഉള്ള അനേകരിലേക്കു ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ സമാധാനവും, രക്ഷയുടെ സന്തോഷവും, നനവുള്ള തോട്ടത്തിന്റെ കുളിർമ്മയും ഐശ്വര്യവും പകർന്നുകൊടുക്കുവാനും ദൈവം നമുക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ധാരാളം കൃപ നൽകട്ടെ.

THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Knowledge:
But fools despise wisdom and instruction."
(Proverbs 1:7)*