



Covenant

DNA of Christ's Disciple



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Times

Reflections on COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic is a first for most of us. Suddenly we are anxious and insecure. Our response to the pandemic reflects our faith in God and belief. God is in control and we are not. We want to ask why but perhaps we should ask what God is revealing to us.

When Christians are hit by a pandemic like Covid-19, we ought to believe God can bring good from this bad situation. We reflect deeply on what matters most in life. We are reminded we are not in control in this world and will all ultimately face death.

Praying together and seeking God for His will be done is one response. We have witnessed many Christians coming together to pray online. Prayer and fellowship have taken a new dimension. This COVID-19 can unite us in One Spirit regardless of our denominations to seek God to protect our people, our community, our healthcare workers and pray for our government to provide and care for the weak and vulnerable who could not afford healthcare.

For me I have witnessed more young people joining the online Zoom platform to study God's Word in Bible Study Fellowship. Coincidentally we are studying the book of Acts where we witness the unstoppable work of the Holy Spirit in men, women and children. God's work is not stopped by social distancing.

As a community in Singapore, we thank God for many organizations, individuals and groups of individuals coming together to show support and appreciation for the front line healthcare workers in the hospitals and National Centre of Infectious Disease (NCID).

Welcome!

God's blessings be upon you as you join us for a time of worship and fellowship here at Covenant. If you're a visitor, please refer to the back page for some helpful information that will enrich your time with us. We trust that you will be refreshed as you encounter Christ anew.

To be a God-fearing, Christ-centred, Spirit-led community, touching and transforming lives through holistic worship, healthy body life and passionate outreach.

In Feb this year, Covenantors raised funds to provide 800 cups of drinks at the *Foreword Coffee Cafe* for all the front line healthcare workers and support staff at NCID over 3 months. In addition we purchased 2 cartons of Salonpas plasters and lozenges for their use. It is heartwarming to see our Sunday School children and the Chinese Ministry make 'Thank You' Posters with prayers for the healthcare workers.



In some small ways Covenantors have rallied together to show our support and to pray for our healthcare workers who are the front line heroes to fight COVID-19 in Singapore. May we as Christians be conscious of what God is doing in this pandemic and be able to be Christ-like in all we say and do.

~ *Elder James Wong* ~

Joel 2:18-3:21

PRAYER GUIDE

FOR CPC 21-DAY FAST



How to use this Prayer Guide:

1. Read and meditate on the given Scripture verses (you are encouraged to follow the reading plan on the book of Colossians).
2. Thank the LORD for partnership in prayer.
3. Ask the LORD to guide on the prayer.
4. Pray over the pointers at the leading of the Holy Spirit.
5. By faith, thank Him that the prayer offered is answered.
6. Life groups are encouraged to meet together once a week through physical or zoom meeting to pray.

We learn from the prophet Joel that the unprecedented plague and disaster is a wakeup call to pause and discern what God is saying to us. While we cry out to God to stop the spread of the COVID-19, we must also be careful not to miss the deep heart issues God is revealing and addressing. The call from Joel is for a season of fasting, lament, brokenness and prayer.

As we press on and pray for the eradication of COVID-19, let us continue to thank God for our leaders. We are blessed to have a wise government who cares. Pray for every other nation out there affected or at risk of being affected.

Although the virus started from China, pray for people to stop being clouded by hate, strife and blame. Pray for forgiveness and love. We may not understand why this crisis is happening but we do know that God's ways are higher than the ways of the world and His thoughts surpasses our thoughts.

"He reveals mysteries from the darkness and brings the deep darkness into light." - Job 12:22

"The Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings." - Exodus 3:7

If you feel convicted to fast, join us to pray and ask God to wipe out COVID-19. This can also be a fast that encourages you to direct your focus on God and realigning ourselves with Him.

CPC Prayer Ministry Committee

CPC 21-DAY FAST (20 March to 9 April)

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
COLOSSIANS 1:1-2 20 Mar Pray that God will BREAK THE CYCLE OF INFECTION and stop the spread of the coronavirus to the countries in the world. Pray that God will release healing through His Church in a spectacular way.	COLOSSIANS 1:3-5 21 Mar Pray that our GOVERNMENT CABINET MINISTERS AND LEADERS will have the wisdom to as they contemplate on measures to mitigate the risk of local transmission	COLOSSIANS 1:6-12 22 Mar Let us HUMBLE AND REPENT OF OUR SINS ; ask the Lord to forgive us for placing the wrong priorities in our lives. Let us ask the Lord to help us to refocus our priorities, to seek first His Kingdom and righteousness.	COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 23 Mar Pray that God will SET A "RING OF FIRE" OVER SINGAPORE and clear this virus from our nation. Pray that the church will rise as a beacon of light to give hope and practical help to the affected people.	COLOSSIANS 1:15-18 24 Mar Pray that the COVID-19 crisis may be a DEFINING DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT for us to grow in intentional discipleship in displaying the radical humility of Christ to obey readily, to judge sparingly and to give sacrificially.	COLOSSIANS 1:19-23 25 Mar Pray for us to be able to still PRaise GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS . Despite the pandemic, God is working out His good purpose. Pray for GOD'S PROTECTION upon our church and our families, loved ones & friends.	COLOSSIANS 1:24-39 26 Mar The world needs fearless people to bring hope to those who are afraid. Amidst the fear, we as believers are called to BE BOLD AND COURAGEOUS to spread the love of Jesus.
COLOSSIANS 2:1-5 27 Mar Pray for CPC CHURCH LEADERS that they will have discernment of God's direction and His plans for Covenant. Pray for servant's heart to serve one another in love, humility & Godly wisdom.	COLOSSIANS 2:6-8 28 Mar ELECTION OF LEADERS AT ACM (17 MAY 2020) A total of 5 Deacons and 1 Elder stepping down from EDC. Pray for Covenantors to answer God's call to serve as Deacons and Elders.	COLOSSIANS 2:9-12 29 Mar CHURCH UNITY & GROWTH - Pray that there will be holy awe of the Presence of God in EVERY COVENANTOR so that as ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST , we will become a people who live out GOD'S DNA	COLOSSIANS 2:13-15 30 Mar We need to be reminded of our dependence on him for as long as we live. Therefore pray that we are passionate in DEVOTING OUR TIME TO BE IN HIS PRESENCE , prayer and meditating His Word.	COLOSSIANS 2:16-19 31 Mar Pray that we will put our FOCUS ON JESUS - that He is with us and for us, working in and among us. Help us to be reminded of who He is, that we can place our hope and trust in Him.	COLOSSIANS 2:20-23 1 Apr Acknowledge that God is Sovereign and Almighty. Pray for God to perform MIRACLES, HEALINGS, DELIVERANCE AND SALVATION in the midst of darkness, suffering, pain and hopelessness.	COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 2 Apr Ask God to teach us to ABIDE IN HIM , remaining true and steadfast to Him and His word. Help us to be tender and sensitive to Him, to all that He is and all that He does.
COLOSSIANS 3:5-17 3 Apr ADVANCING GOD'S MISSION - Pray that every Christian will sense the urgency during this COVID-19 outbreak to accelerate PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL to every tribe, nation & people group.	COLOSSIANS 3:18-21 4 Apr Pray for safety and physical wellbeing for our THAILAND MISSIONARIES Pastor Elder Kiat and Anong as they travel to different districts each week, love, wisdom & power as they disciple the local Thai believers.	COLOSSIANS 3:22-25 5 Apr MEMBERS WHO ARE UNWELL Elder Francis, Lucy Ong, LiNah, Wee Seng's mum, Dennis (Eddie's bro-in-law), Mr Soo, Gloria Tan, Soo Liap	COLOSSIANS 4:1-4 6 Apr God's protection for our CHINA MISSIONARIES Jenny and Pastor Bess as they go about reaching others for Christ. Pray for clarity on God's plan for them with the difficult situation in China	COLOSSIANS 4:5-6 7 Apr The COVID-19 provides an opportunity to think about how we respond to anxiety. Ask the Lord to deliver us from worldly fear and to give us His PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING .	COLOSSIANS 4:7-11 8 Apr Ask the Lord to give us HEARTS OF COMPASSION TO REACH OUT to the needy, our neighbours and the lost. Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit to seize the divine opportunity in sharing the gospel and praying for others.	COLOSSIANS 4:12-16 9 Apr Ask God to reveal and awake in us the gifts, hopes and promises that He has placed in us. Pray that we will be FAITHFUL IN STEWARDING all that He has provided and given to us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ Tithing Going Digital

In addition to the regular cash and cheque collection for the tithe, we will be launching **Digital Tithing** in Apr 2020! As with regular tithing, a personal **Tithing Number** will be needed. If you need a Tithing Number (for new tither) or if you had forgotten your Tithing Number, please approach Hope or Hazel, or submit a request via our website. Stay tuned for more details coming up.

✝ EASTER Sunday, 12 Apr Infant Baptism & Transfer of Membership. Do pick up the application form on Level 1 outside Church Office and hand in by 29 Mar to Hope/Hazel.



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Day Alone with the Lord	
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Worship Time

English Services	9am & 11am
Chinese Service	9.30am
Chinese Saturday Service	10am
Sri Lankan Service	2pm
Discovery Group (English)	9.30am - 11am
Sunday School for K1 to P6	11am - 12.30pm
Crèche for Nursery & below	11am - 12.30pm
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	11.30am - 1.30pm