



## **Suggested Prayers - Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2020**

### **1. A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty God,

We thank you for your creation and for all the blessings of this life. We thank you for your goodness and loving-kindness in redeeming us by our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for your grace to us and for the hope of glory.

Please give us hearts that appreciate all your mercies to us, that we may be truly thankful. May we praise you not only with our lips, but also in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen

### **2. A prayer for our world**

Heavenly Father,

We know that you are God over the whole universe. You are worthy "to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." (Revelation 4:11) Help us to give you the glory you deserve. As we see the wonders of the world around us, and even as we enjoy the breath of life you have given us, help us to praise you for all these things.

But, Father, we desire this response not just from ourselves, but from all people. We know that sin blinds so many in our world, keeping them from acknowledging you, and from giving you the glory you deserve. Please have mercy on them. And please particularly have mercy on the rulers and governors of our world, that they might "kiss the Son, lest he be angry." (Psalm 2:12) Cause them to realise and rejoice that your Son is King of kings, and Lord of lords; he rules over even them. Bring them to serve you with fear. And so may they exercise their authority and power in a way which also gives glory, honour and power to you.

Amen

### **3. A prayer for CMS missionary Kellie Nicholas (MING)**

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the spread of your gospel all over the world. We especially think of Kellie Nicholas who is serving in Japan with CMS. Thank you for answering our prayers and continuing to raise up labourers for the harvest (Matthew 9:35-38). Please work through Kellie to see the gospel be proclaimed in the lives of Japanese university students.

Thank you that many students transitioned smoothly to meeting on Zoom. May these meetings help your word take root in their hearts and grow their love for Jesus as the risen Lord.

We also pray for the Japanese government as they continue to navigate the restrictions and run society there. May the different policies that are implemented allow your church to be a beacon of hope and continue to proclaim the news about Jesus Christ. There are so many that are lost in Japan. Please show mercy on this country and may many people there come to hear and receive the good news about Jesus's life, death, and resurrection.

In His name we pray, amen

### **4. A prayer for godliness at SNAC**

Lord,

We thank you for the faithfulness of the many people serving our congregations through various ministries. We pray for perseverance and renewed passion as we work hard to build one another up in Christ.

Please help those who open your word to both children and adults; give them wisdom to understand, humility to apply your teaching to their own lives and grace as they teach us and our children. Help us all to grow in the knowledge of the truth and may we be conformed to the image of your son.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.