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This week's prayer pointers

Pastoral Care: Baptisms; Marriages; Pastoral Outreach Worker; Pastoral Team; Funerals, Bereavement & Life Crisis Support.

Mission Focus: George & Anne Todorov

Lis and Ian will be praying for the world, our community and our church family from 9-9.30am. You may wish to join us in praying from home or wherever you are.

Our Church Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to be a family of Your people who: Are centred on Jesus, reflecting His love, grace and truth in our characters, relationships and witness; Love Your Word (the Bible), recognise its authority and follow its guidance in our lives; Seek Your Holy Spirit's presence, wisdom, fruit and gifts, and welcome Him to move in power; Work out our faith in mission and outreach. For the praise of Your glory. **Amen.**

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*'Loving Jesus
Serving others'*

Sunday 15th November 2020

'Worship Together'

During the current lockdown weekly services will only be available online via YouTube

10.30am - livestreamed from church with recorded input

Children & Youth worship - 9.30am livestreamed, watch out for notifications on Facebook and on YouTube

This week's prayer :

Loving God, Across your world today many of your family live in fear. Facing distrust, opposition, persecution, violence and death. We pray for their protection, perseverance and deliverance. May we, with them, so live the life of Jesus that all may see and accept your love and forgiveness. Amen



Building Church in Changing Times: Building through persecution

Song 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

O my soul, worship His holy name.

Sing like never before,

O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day
dawning;

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies
before me,

let me be singing when the evening
comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to
anger

Your name is great, and Your heart is
kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on
singing:

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to
find.

And on that day when my strength is
failing,

the end draws near, and my time has
come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise
unending:

Ten thousand years, and then
forevermore!

*Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman c 2011 Said and done
music Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman Jonas*

Reading of the week: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

³We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. ⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well.

Song 2

When peace like a river attendeth

my way

When sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot thou hast taught me
to say

It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though
trials should come

Let this blest assurance control

That Christ hath regarded my helpless
estate

And hath shed His own blood for my
soul

My sin, O the bliss Of this glorious
thought,

My sin not in part but the whole

Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
more

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my
soul

And Lord haste the day when the
faith shall be sight

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord

shall descend

Even so it is well with my soul

Horatio Gates Spafford (1873)

This will happen when the LORD Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels ⁸He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our LORD Jesus. ⁹They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the LORD and from the glory of his might ¹⁰on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marvelled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. ¹¹With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹²We pray this so that the name of our LORD Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the LORD Jesus Christ.

Thought for the day: Jon Speirs Davies:

So far, through exploring the building up of the Thessalonian church, we've been working our way through three questions that we all face. The previous five weeks have dealt alternately with two of the questions: first, what is God telling us? Second, what should we do about it? This week we consider the third question: what does everyone else think about it? The answer for the Thessalonians was... others thought these ideas about Jesus should be violently resisted. In short, persecuted. Which raises another question: are we persecuted? The answer is - for the most part - no. But should we be? Or expect to be? After all, the cross reminds us that Jesus's work was born out of persecution. Many early Christians prayed for a martyr's death. How does this impact the building up of the Church? We return to our question: what do our friends and neighbours really think of us, anyway...?

Song 3

The grace of God has reached for me

And pulled me from the raging sea

And I am safe on this solid ground

The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls

His strength will help me scale these
walls

I'll see the dawn of the rising sun

The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God

Strong to save faithful in love

My debt is paid and the victory won

The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord

He flow'rs each promise of His Word

When winter fades I know spring will
come

The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need

When I know loss when I am weak

I know His grace will renew these
days

The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day

He will not leave me in the grave

But I will rise He will call me home

The Lord is my salvation

Keith & Kristyn Gett

