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CHURCH DEDICATION SERVICE

On Saturday May 07, 2016 @ 10:00 am

India Christian Assembly Family Retreat

August 12-14

Please Sign up

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 11: 15 am

Sunday School @ 11:15 am

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WELCOME TO ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Date : April 24, 2016



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA

FRIDAY FASTING AND PRAYER @10:30 AM AT ICA

SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

Very Present Help

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1.

We will all testify to the goodness of God in our life – his grace, comfort, deliverance and blessings. We all may have testimonies of God helping us, delivering us in our times of trouble. The Psalmist says he is a very present (ever-present) help which means God is available when we need him.

Even while we confess the presence and blessings of God don't we sometimes feel God is far away and he is not concerned about us? If I say no, then I am far better than David in knowing and experiencing God. He said, "Why do you stand afar off, O LORD? Why do you hide *yourself* in times of trouble?" Ps. 10:1. David who experienced God intimately and trusted him completely had moments of anguish and feelings of abandonment.

- ◆*when I hear a news which I do not like, is God far away?
- ◆*when suddenly I lose my good job, is God a very present help?
- ◆*when the diagnosis and prognosis I hear is not pleasant, does God care?
- ◆*when I am not blessed with child (ren) on my time or ever, is God with me?
- ◆*when my daughter/son is heading in a different direction than I planned, is God near me?
- ◆*when my brother rise up against me with false accusations, is God with me?

These are puzzling questions, but the answer is a definite, emphatic yes. He may not work on our schedule, but he definitely will. He may not answer the way we want always, but surely he will give the best answer:

God was concerned about an unknown Egyptian slave woman that he sent his angel to help her –twice.

Even though Ishmael was not the fruit of his promise he cared enough to promise great blessings in his life.

Abraham had to wait long years, yet God worked at the appointed time.

He also had to come to the point of raising the knife to hear God's redeeming words.

The disciples had to toil four watches before Jesus came to the rescue.

Naboth had to give his life to keep God's directive (yes, God was there with him).

Paul who had a great healing ministry had to live with his infirmity (God's grace was with him).

He was martyred for the Gospel – he faced death joyfully, with the contentment of a fruitful life.

Thousands of men and women are persecuted today, many give their life each day; yet they know their God is a very present help, which is why they do not waver.

Whatever the situation, whatever the need, and whatever the outcome I am sure of one thing: my God is a very present help. He is not far away, I just feel that way. I can also say with David, "O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear" Ps. 10:17.

Suffering teaches us patience. These words were found penned on the wall of a prison cell in Europe: "I believe in love even when I don't feel it. I believe in God even when He is silent."

Billy Graham, Till Armageddon.

"I am the LORD who heals you"
Please pray for:

Bro. Ninan Thomas, Bro. M. O Mathew
Sisters: Jolly Jacob, Ammini George
Mariamma Johny, Shiny Chacko
Usha Danielkutty, Ana Thannickal

Have you reached the goal of the Bible reading plan for the week?
Are you happy with the amount of time spent in talking to the Father this week?

Bible Reading Plan for this Week 18

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| April 24, 2016 | 2 Corinthians 4-5 |
| April 25, 2016 | Exodus 17-20 |
| April 26, 2016 | 2 Samuel 5-9 |
| April 27, 2016 | Psalms 51-53 |
| April 28, 2016 | Job 35-36 |
| April 29, 2016 | Jeremiah 27-31 |
| April 30, 2016 | Mark 15-16 |