



God is Faithful

Based on Noah's Story

Girls' Brigade International
God is Faithful
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5 Weeks
SHORT DEVOTIONS

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girls' lives transformed
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Dear Chaplains, Officers and Girls,

As we face the covid-19 pandemic together, how do we remain faithful and hopeful in these challenging times? How do we help our officers and girls to find safety in our unchanging God when everything in their familiar world is being shaken?

There are many lessons of hope and strength we can draw from Noah's time in the ark during the global flood that parallels the lockdowns we are experiencing in many countries as covid-19 floods our world. This devotional seeks to bring God's love and truth to us that will help us remain faithful and hopeful in this time.

These materials are prepared for 5 weeks of teaching and each week there are daily devotions for 5 days as part of the preparation of that week's teaching.

Week 1 introduces the story of Noah's Ark as an overview, focusing on God's faithfulness in reaching out to Noah and bringing him and his family and the animals safely through the flood. In Genesis 6:1-9:17, it points out ways in which they see God's care and love for Noah.

Knowing that God is faithful, weeks 2-5 then focuses on our response in this pandemic. Because God is Faithful – We can TRUST, WAIT, OBEY and PRAISE him.

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Week 1 Day 1

Prayer focus: God is faithful - God keeps His Promises

You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. Joshua 23:14b (NIV)

Adoration

You, O Lord, are our promise-keeping God. We exalt you and praise your Name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. You alone are the only faithful One.

Confession

Too often, we doubt Your faithfulness. Forgive us for not holding firm to Your Promises for us, choosing instead to be tossed by the waves of doubts in our lives. Give us faith like Noah to patiently endure life's storms and hold fast that Your Word is true.

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Father God for Your love and Your promises. Even when we are faithless, You remain faithful, for you cannot disown yourself and you love us with a steadfast, unconditional love. Thank you for being a promise-keeping God, answering our prayers again and again, both small prayers and big concerns too.

Supplication

As the pandemic rages on and world systems (jobs, health, resources) are being shaken, we stand firm on Your Promises that You are our Provider, Healer, Deliverer and Saviour – our safe Refuge in this storm. We know in our hearts that our faith will not be in vain for You are merciful and trustworthy. When our faith grows dim, please bring a rainbow of Your Promise from Your Word to comfort and strengthen us, reminding us that You are with us in this storm and every good promise from you will be fulfilled. Use us to also bring Your Promises, encouragement and practical help to those around us.



Thought for the day

God gave Noah and us the sign of the rainbow as a visual reminder that His covenants are binding and that He always keeps His Promises. Which promise has God given you that you often easily forget and are struggling to trust Him for? Will you take some time to write the bible verse in your journal or make a visual reminder of it by painting it on a pebble or a calligraphing it on postcard and put it up in your bedroom / work desk? Take time to pray through God's promise given to you each day and allow God to open your eyes to see how He is working in your life.



Day 2

Week 1 Day 2

Prayer focus: God is faithful - God does not lie

God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil? Numbers 23:19 (NIV)

Adoration

Dear God, thank you that you fulfill your promises and act upon your word all the time. We praise you that you do not leave us wanting, and you do not lure us with lies. Thank you that we can trust you to bring about what you said you would, that you are our fortress and stronghold at all times.

Confession

Forgive us, Lord, when we are discouraged by the scenes around us - when the wicked seem to prosper and your promises seem to be slow in coming - and we doubt your goodness. Forgive us when we take our eyes off your wisdom and strive to complete tasks with our own strength and in our own time. Teach us, O Lord, to wait on you and trust you completely.

Thanksgiving

Thank you God for lavishing your love on us in giving us your Son to die for our sins, that we may come back to you in a sweet relationship. Thank you for meeting our needs and strengthening us when we are weak, and enabling us to overcome our shortcomings.

Supplication

Lord, we pray that we would humble ourselves to know your plans for this world, that we may know that you are the God who loves and desires us to prosper according to your design and purpose. We ask that country leaders would act responsibly in these times of difficulties, making policies to help their countrymen live and work in safe environments.



Thought for the day

When God told Noah to build an ark to hide from the rain, people had never seen rain before. It seemed like a joke, and God a liar. But God did not have to lie, exaggerate or fabricate his abilities. When God said that He had to punish the sinful world then, He did it His way and in His own timing. We may not understand completely what God's design is, and sometimes things may not seem to be even logical; but God is all-knowing and all-powerful, He will bring to pass what He said He would do. Are there promises God has made to you, your GB Company, your family and your country? Hold God to His word. Trust Him for His faithfulness.



Week 1 Day 3

Prayer focus: God is faithful - God is gracious

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness," Exodus 34:6 (NIV)

Adoration

O Lord your Grace is sufficient for me, your power is made perfect in my weakness. We praise you Lord for you are our Great, compassionate and gracious God, abounding in love and faithfulness and most worthy of our praise.

Confession

We confess O Lord, that we often try to do things in our own strength. We often complain when things do not go our way. Forgive us Lord for our lack of faith in Your infinite wisdom and power. Thank you for being patient and slow to anger towards us. Help us to trust you, obey you and do all that you have called us to do, just as Noah trusted and obeyed God when He told Noah to build an ark.

Thanksgiving

Thank you God for your patience and graciousness towards us. You do not treat us as our sins deserve but you sent your Son our Lord Jesus who paid the ultimate price for our salvation by dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the dead three days later, and now sits at the right hand of God, our Father. Thank you that we can live free from the bondage of sin and death. Thank you that we can now have direct access to God and have an intimate relationship with Him. Thank you for your assurance that though outwardly we are wasting away, we are inwardly being renewed day by day.

Supplication

We pray for people whom you have placed in our lives, that as we develop as a community, help us to build each other up and be your vessels for your good purposes. We pray for those who have deep hurts and unforgiveness in their hearts, that they will find real and lasting peace that only You can give. May they experience your grace and compassion that enables them to extend that same grace and forgiveness to others. We pray for friends and family who have yet to accept you as their Lord and Saviour, that they will experience your love and know that their hope is in Jesus alone.



Thought for the day

God told Noah that he was going to put an end to all people. He told Noah that he was going to save him and his family by telling him to make himself an ark of cypress wood and giving detailed instructions on how to build it. Noah did everything just as God commanded him. What is your response to God's instructions, warnings, and promises concerning His judgement and salvation? Have you experienced God's grace in difficult circumstances? How can you also extend that same grace and compassion to others that reflects God's righteous graciousness in your life?



Day 4

Week 1 Day 4

Prayer focus: God is faithful – God will never leave us nor forsake us

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5b (NIV)

Adoration

Father God, You are perfect in all of Your ways, that's who You are! Jesus, Son of the Living God, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Spirit of God, where can we run from Your presence? Even in the darkness of the night and the darkest of days, you are there!

Confession

Search our hearts O God, as we come before you, acknowledging our impatience, our wilful ways and our failure to trust in your unfailing goodness and love. Forgive us for being immune to the truths you wish to reveal to your daughters in this pandemic. Hide us not away from Your presence O Lord and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Have mercy O Lord!

Thanksgiving

Lord God, we give thanks You are present with us in this pandemic-lockdown as you were with Noah and his family in their 'lockdown' in the ark. We are assured that we, your children are neither forgotten nor abandoned, because You are Immanuel, God with us, our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and above all, the Prince of Peace.

Supplication

Father God, open the eyes of our hearts that we might see you at work in our lives. Open the ears of our hearts that we might hear you clearly. Let our feeble faith arise as we wait and learn to be still and know that You are Our God. Help us to encounter Jesus, our Divine Captain, who is in our boat in the midst of the rise and fall of this pandemic. The wind and the waves around us still know Your voice and name. We bring our fears and tears before You. Teach us to rest in the midst of this storm that will pass because You are with us. Whom or what shall we fear?

Thought for the day

With Christ in our vessel, surely we can smile at the storm and be the messengers of hope, joy and peace. Remember, we have been engraved, ('tattooed' as it were), in the palm of His hands. How easily we forget the gift of God's presence in our lives, preferring the instant gratifications of our day. Our faithful God is as close as the mere whisper of His name! How can we learn to stay connected 24/7 as we go about the Father's business at home, at school, at work, at play and in community? May we know His power and strength and soar with Him above the storm as we navigate the new normals in this pandemic. And like Noah, may our hearts be reset, rewired and renewed as we stay in conversation and walk with God.



Week 1 Day 5

Prayer focus: God is faithful – God is Sovereign

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)

Adoration

Faithful you are, Lord, and faithful you will forever be. All your promises are “Yes” and “Amen”. How marvellous it is that we can trust in the finality of your word. For when you say “Yes”, you mean it through and through. There really is no one like you; the one who has kept every single one of your promises and will continue to do so, even in times of trouble. Like a solid rock, your faithfulness is steadfast and true.

Confession

Forgive us Lord for our fickle ways where in these volatile times, we have said both “yes” and “no” in the same breath, succumbing to fears, worries and doubts within seconds. Forgive us for our ‘Peter moments’ where we have taken our eyes off Jesus while walking through these stormy seas, flailing about in fear. We are sorry for the times we have fallen away and given up on our faith instead trusting that you always come through, Father. Have mercy on us as we confess our faithlessness O Father.

Thanksgiving

Thank you Father, that you are a Man of your word. Even during the unpredictability of this pandemic, if there is one thing that we can trust in, it is in your promises. We find comfort and confidence in the countless times you have fulfilled what you set out to do. So, Lord, our confidence is in your faithfulness and we are grateful for the security we find in you.

Supplication

Help us today to rest in the confidence of your faithfulness. Father, help us truly believe in the sureness of your word; that when you make a promise, you keep it. Amidst the fears, doubts and worries that may weigh us down, help us to simply believe in your “Yes” and “Amen” fulfilled to completion through your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to say ‘Yes’ to your plans even if we may not fully understand.



Thought for the day

Noah and everyone on the ark must have worried constantly while they waited for the storm to blow over and for the waters to recede. They must have watched in anticipation as the raven Noah sent out flew back and forth with no place to land. Then, again, they waited patiently for the dove to return with signs of life. In the past few months, we may have felt that way, waiting for signs of normalcy. Perhaps as life resumes, it may not be entirely normal. “Will it ever end?” our hearts may cry quietly. Yet, like Noah, may we be so fervent in our faith, knowing that all throughout the rains, God’s protection is so real (How amazing that an entire ark full of humans and animals was sustained for days on end!). Let us place our trust in God knowing that His faithfulness never fails! After all, Noah’s trust in God was proven when the dove returned with an olive branch in its beak and a beautiful rainbow to show that his promises would not just end there. Glory be to God for his unfailing promises!



6 Life Lessons from Noah's Ark

The story of Noah tells of the faithfulness of God.

For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. Psalm 108:4-5

The sign of rainbow was given by God to Noah as a visual sign of His covenants are binding and His promises are true.

You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. Joshua 23:14b

Noah held on to God's Word and His Promises, who is all-knowing and all-powerful.

God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil? Numbers 23:19

Learn from Noah to proclaim God for who He is in our lives, be willing to share.

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness," Exodus 34:6

Like Noah, we could say: With Christ in our vessel, we can smile at the storm. We can even soar above the storm.

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5b

Noah was fervent in his faith. We put our faith in God for His faithfulness never fails us.

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20

Week 2 Day 1

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can TRUST

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
Psalm 34:4-5 (NIV)*

Adoration

Father God, You are a powerful God yet also our personal God. You incline Your ears to our prayers and hear the cries of our hearts. You alone are mighty to save. Noah, King David and many of our bible patriarchs trusted you and you delivered them from all their fears.

Confession

Forgive us for being wise in our own eyes and trusting in our own wisdom instead of seeking your help to solve our problems. We often allow our fears to cloud our vision instead of lifting our eyes in prayer Your love for us and Your great promises.

Thanksgiving

Thank you that we can turn to you and trust you in our troubles. Even in our darkest moments, You never leave us nor forsake us. You promise that as we trust you, you will bring light and radiance into our situations, our faces will never be covered with shame. All who look at us will see your glory.

Supplication

Give us faith to trust in you. May faith arise to replace our fears, that we have spiritual ears to hear you talk to us and answer us through your word and spiritual eyes to see the glory of God coming through for us in our situations. Turn our troubles and shame into testimonies of your deliverance and radiance in our lives.



Thought for the day

God gave Noah faith to overcome the fear of public humiliation and ridicule as he chose to obey the Lord to carry out all the commands. God showed up and be with Noah and protected him and his family. Noah was focused in following God's command. He did not let fear to overwhelm him.



Week 2 Day 2

Prayer focus: God is faithful - We can TRUST

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

Adoration

Father God, we thank you that you are faithful God and your faithfulness to us is everlasting and from one generation to another. Your word says that if we put our trust in You, You will give us perfect peace even amidst the stormy journey of dealing with the pandemic.

Confession

Forgive us Father so often we do not focus on Jesus, the author, the perfecter of our faith, we look at the circumstances around us and we become fearful. We watch in terror how the pandemic has developed and feel terrified, hopeless and so much sorrow about it. When our loved ones are affected by COVID-19, we become anxious and worried.

Thanksgiving

Thank you God for your promises are sure and true, thank you God you are still sovereign and rules over all. Even Corona Virus cannot stop us from worshipping you and churches are having digital presence globally.

Supplication

Heavenly Father, help us to turn our eyes upon Jesus, so that the things of earth will grow dim in the light of Your glory and grace. We have the Shalom of Christ in our heart to face the day. Amen.

Thought for the day

The Hebrew word for peace is Shalom, which is multidimensional. Shalom experienced is multidimensional, complete well-being – physical, psychological, social and spiritual; it flows from all of one's relationships bring put right – with God, with(in) oneself, and with others. We can trust God to bring us through this pandemic and have Shalom in our hearts. Think of how Peter could walk on water when his eyes were fixed on Jesus, the moment he looked at the rough stormy sea, he started to sink. We need to fix our eyes upon Jesus to experience the Shalom of God.



Week 2 Day 3

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can TRUST

Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20b (NIV)

Adoration

God is great and almighty. When we think that it is impossible, God's word assures us that nothing is impossible with God. Thank you, Lord, that we only need faith as small as a mustard seed and we can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there" and it will move.

Confession

Forgive our unbelief and our doubt. Help us to cling onto your promises and to have faith like a mustard seed to move mountains for You.

Thanksgiving

Thank you, God, for moving the "mountains" for us. Thank you for hearing our prayers. Thank you for the confidence you put in our hearts. Thank you for opening our spiritual eyes to see your mighty works. Thank you for helping us to trust you.

Supplication

Lord, grant us the faith, as small as a mustard seed, help us to learn to trust You more each day. May our faith rise up and be like a tree, tall and rooted in You. Amen.



Thought for the day

When we face a huge challenge or task before us, we are often motivated to take baby-steps to move forward, it is like growing the faith seed. We start by having faith in God, learning to trust Him, letting go and letting God to take control and we can move on in His will to overcome our challenges and fears.



Week 2 Day 4

Prayer focus: God is faithful - We can TRUST

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.
Psalm 20:7-8 (NIV)

Adoration

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Confession

Father you have given us this command "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." forgive us when we take the name of the Lord in vain.

Thanksgiving

Thank you Lord for giving us your Holy Spirit. Your Spirit will help us remember your words in the Bible. Thank you that the Spirit will teach us to use the name of the Lord correctly.

Supplication

Help us O Lord to trust in the name of the Lord and not on chariots or horses or anything man made. Help us to know and be convinced that there is power in the name of Jesus. Let us use the name of Jesus in the proper way that will bring glory to You.

Thought for the day

What are you trusting when difficulties come your way?

Do you trust your youthfulness?

Do you trust your health or wealth?

How do you view the name of the Lord?

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe. (Proverbs 18:10)
God has highly exalted Jesus and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)
Let us not misuse the name of Jesus but rather let us lift the name of Jesus high and Jesus will draw all man to Himself.



Week 2 Day 5

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can TRUST

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)

Adoration

Jesus to You we lift our eyes. Jesus our glory and our prize. We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true. Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You.

Confession

Forgive us Father when we doubt your power. Forgive us when we have lost confidence in You. Help our unbelief and increase our faith in You.

Thanksgiving

Thank you God for these words of comfort in Psalms 62:1 “ My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.” Thank you Lord you are my rock and my salvation. I can have confidence in You because I know you love me and you care for me. I can always depend on you because You are a faithful God.

Supplication

We have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so help us to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as we were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. We must be careful not to let anyone take us captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.



Thought for the day

How do I make sure that I will be ever green in my faith and I will always bear fruit for Jesus? Jesus is the true vine, and God the Father is the vinedresser. Every branch that does not bear fruit Jesus takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit Jesus prunes, that it may bear more fruit. We need to abide in Jesus just like the tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. Apart from Jesus we can do nothing.





5 things to remember when you have fear during this Pandemic, let your faith arise as you learn to trust God to help all of us through this tough season

1. Tell God your fear, let Him know that you are worried and concern especially during this pandemic and frequent lock-down.

Psalm 34:4-5 I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

2. Fix your eyes on Jesus and let His peace fills you.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

3. Start small like mustard seed which can grow into a huge tree. Impossible is I'm possible in Christ!

Matthew 17:20b Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

4. Have faith in God over chariots and horses!

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

5. Be like a tree planted by the water, no fear of heat, leaves are always green.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."



God is Faithful based on Noah's Story

Week 3 Day 1

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can WAIT

*Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10 (NIV)*

Our dear God, You are omniscient and almighty. You know everything we need and prepare the most suitable things for us. May we follow your plan and prepare ourselves in waiting time. Please forgive us for being impatient to look for answers using our own cleverness. We only focus on ourselves and we only complain but lack of a thanksgiving heart. Please let us know more of Your plan and nurture our hearts in times of waiting. In Psalm 27:14, 'Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.' Thank you for being our Saviour and being with us all the time. Through waiting, we know that you put the fruits of hope, patience, faith and obedience in our lives even though the result may not be as we have expected. God is already preparing us to accomplish His will. During this pandemic, many of our plans were interrupted. Please give us confidence to trust in you. No matter in what situation, may we have faith and hope. Just like Noah's 'lockdown' in the ark, he still served God faithfully and cared for others around him. May we realize the art of waiting and the rainbow will eventually come.

Thought for the day

Nowadays, everybody is so busy to strive for their well-being. We always want to 'do something' and forget to take a good rest. Therefore, we should keep asking ourselves, what is the most important thing in my life? Especially in this pandemic, we have more 'me time' because of the lockdown. Why don't we spend some time thinking about God's plan for our life? It is the best time for us to equip ourselves to become a better person, the person that Jesus Christ wants us to be. Be still, and know that He is God.



Day 2

Week 3 Day 2

Prayer focus: God is faithful - We can WAIT

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12 (NIV)*

Heavenly father, you are the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Your love is great. You alone love us, care about us and you call us to walk with you. We are too busy about our daily lives, our works, sometimes we are blinded by our business and did not notice that you are with us. Please change our hearts and our minds in our prayer-less days. Help us to find You in all things. Let us return to you. Thank you for giving us all that we need. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been looking for masks, toilet paper, hand sanitizers and so on, but eventually we got all we need every time. Thank you very much for all you've done. The past one & a half year we have been facing tough moments. Day by day the situation seems to get worse and worse in this society. I was wondering if we will be able to witness to your justice to be done on this land in our lives.

Lamentations 3:32 says for though you send grief, still you will have pity in the full measure of your love. In your mercy, please help us and also our neighbour to go through these days.



Thought for the day

God told us to be patient through Noah's story. When the time is right, God will bring us an olive leaf to proclaim that His faith is unchanging. Before that, we have to keep living for him, keep sharing the good news just like Noah kept taking care of all the animals.



Week 3 Day 3

Prayer focus: God is faithful - We can WAIT

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Our Righteous God, You look into our hearts. You are familiar with all our ways. You know our good, and you know what we face every day. Your faithfulness raises us up from our weariness. Your kindness sustains us to walk Your way. Lord, we are weak in faith that we always focus on the difficulties we face and not Your Almighty power. We just look at what we don't have, but not Your provisions and grace. Forgive us for not remembering that Your grace is sufficient for us. May You Lord forgive our little faith. Please help us to put away our stubbornness and start putting trust in You again. Thank you, Lord for giving us our precious identity as Your children, to work with you – learn to be servant leaders to share Your precious gospel to others. We are not worthy to have all these. May You be our Vision, so that we can persist to do good to others and witness You with the fruits we bear in You. Give us strength to serve you passionately. Give us strength to share Your kindness and faithfulness to those who come into contact with us. Amen.



Thought for the day

40 days in the ark, Noah did not stop his routine duties. He served with loyalty. In this 'waiting' quarantine period, have you kept your pace to do good to others? Or have you lost confidence in Him? Rebuild your trust in the Lord, wait for His time, 'let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.'



Day 4

Week 3 Day 4

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can WAIT

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings,
because we know that suffering produces perseverance;
perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)*

Dear Lord, the whole world is suffering due to the Covid-19. It affects our daily lives, our relationship with others, and we don't know how long it will last. I ask You to open my heart and my mind to the truth of Your characters, the promise of Your salvation and the comfort of Your presence. Lord, help me to remember that You will protect me no matter what comes my way, You are always by my side, help me to persevere in Your joy and hope. When my circumstances are overwhelming, please make me steadfast in You, and give me boldness to believe in your goodness. Help me to rely on You for everything that I need today. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.



Thought for the day

God is our protection, our only help in times of suffering, He is powerful and in-charge of everything.

Psalm 46:1-3

¹God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.



Week 3 Day 5

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can WAIT

*Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)*

My dear Heavenly Father, thank you for telling me in your Words that you never leave me alone, You are Emmanuel and You are with me. Even though I may feel lonely or frustrated in the very unclear future due to the pandemic, may Your strength sustains me. May I look upon You and with confidence that you are with me in this uncertain time. I pray that I will patiently wait for your help. Lord keep my faith in you, help me to read and meditate on your Words everyday. Pray that I will continue to pray and care more for myself, my family and the society. Father, help me to learn to trust that I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Lord give me the courage to take the first step to seek, serve and follow You everyday! I am looking so much forward to live in You with the renewed strength from you in my life. May Your spirit always guides and leads me. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.



Thought for the day

Waiting makes us feel anxious, but waiting with hope turns it to one of the most exciting moments to experience God's faithfulness.





Being **HOPEFUL** while waiting during lockdown

Those who wait for the Lord will see the goodness of the Lord.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:13-14

Beware of being busy for nothing and learn the joy of being present before God.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

Noah taught us there is great reward for those to obey the Lord while in waiting.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

Noah never gave up during the wait, he kept on doing good.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

When the wait seems long, we learn to persevere.

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4

If you feel anxious during the wait, remember

Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31



God is Faithful based on Noah's Story

Week 4 Day 1

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can OBEY

'Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.' Joshua 1:7-8 (NIV)

Adoration

Heavenly Father, there is none like you. We praise you for everything that You are in our lives. You are our faithful Father, our generous Provider and our strong Protector. Truly, we can rely on You in every circumstance in our lives.

Confession

Forgive us, Father, for being disobedient so many times. We allow our selfish selves to take over our hearts. Many times, we choose to disobey our parents, we choose to disobey the authorities, we choose to disobey You. We fail to keep your Word in our hearts. We know that You are faithful, yet we live unfaithful lives. Help us, Father, to exhibit your faithfulness so we can please and honor You all the time.

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Father, for your promise that if only we could keep your commandments, we could be prosperous and successful. Thank you for keeping us and our loved ones safe from the pandemic. Truly, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving as we acknowledge your faithfulness in the midst of our adversities.

Supplication

Please continue to look after us, Father. In you alone, there is complete protection. Teach us to number our days so that we may apply hearts unto wisdom. Grant upon us our daily needs. Keep our minds and hearts sound in these perilous times. Give us the willpower to obey your commands. Let our obedience be an inspiration to others so they can follow You also.



Thought for the day

Our God is faithful. He has shown this attribute, in ways that cannot be counted, in the Bible and in our lives. He is our unchangeable God. He remains and will remain faithful until the end of the ages. How can we show our faithfulness to Him?



Week 4 Day 2

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can OBEY

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. Psalm 128:1 (NIV)

Adoration

We praise you heavenly Father because you are our God who is all-powerful. You can take full control of everything that happens in our lives. We adore you for the matchless love you have given us, your only Son Jesus Christ. You are our God that doesn't change and your compassion never fails.

Confession

We confess to you our sins. We have not been good stewards of your creation. We are the cause of too much pollution in our environment. We failed to pray diligently for our government leaders.

Thanksgiving

We are thankful that you are our God who has loved us with an everlasting love. Thank you for the blessed assurance that nothing can separate us from your love. Thank you for keeping us safe from COVID-19. Thank you for supplying our need in these trying times. Thank you that GB is still active in spite of the difficult working environment. Thank you for the opportunity that we can reach out to other people in need not only physically but most importantly spiritually as well.

Supplication

Hold our hands heavenly Father as we walk through this treacherous path. Like Noah, help us always to obey whatever you want us have to do. Help us to obey not only when it is easy to do so but also when it is difficult and uncomfortable for us. Help us to be obedient to the government you have placed us in. Please guide our leaders as they make the protocols to address our present predicament. Please bless the GB organisation all over the world. May we continue to be your instruments of your peace and love.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Thought for the day

Obedience always brings blessings.



Week 4 Day 3

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can OBEY

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. John 14:23 (NIV)

Adoration

Dear God, you are an awesome loving God. You have assured us of your love over and over. Thank you for your Son Jesus who died on the cross for our sins – the ultimate manifestation of your love. You alone is worthy of our praises, of our worship, of our adoration.

Confession

Search our hearts, Oh God. Give us a complete check. Examine our thoughts and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. You are love but oftentimes, we fail to show love to others. You are love, yet, we close out ourselves and think that we cannot receive love from others. Forgive us, dear God, for not remembering that you are love.

Thanksgiving

Thank you, dear God, for your immeasurable love for us. Your love has kept Noah and his family safe from the flood, we are confident that your love, too, will keep us safe from this pandemic that so worries everybody. Thank you, dear God, that despite the lockdown, we could still feel and enjoy the love of our family and friends. Thank you that we still have a way to communicate distant loved ones through the technology now.

Supplication

Lead us to stay confident in your love, dear God. Make us vessels of your love. In this time of the pandemic, let your love be the language of our being. Help us to radiate your love at the cross so that our lights could shine brightly among men and glorify only You.



Thought for the day

Our God has loved us in reckless abandon, we should obey Him in reckless obedience. May His love make us walk on the water wherever He leads us.



Week 4 Day 4

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can OBEY

I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands. Psalm 119: 60 (NIV)

Adoration

Our loving heavenly Father, we praise and magnify Your name in the midst of us today for You are our Great and Faithful God who loved us and protected us in so many ways.

Confession

As we come before Your throne of grace, we are humbling ourselves, acknowledging that we are all sinners and without You, we can do nothing. Forgive us from all our sins so that we will be worthy to come before You this time.

Thanksgiving

We thank you Oh God, for inspiring us with Your Word. Thank you for the life of Noah who has shown obedience to you. We know that it was not easy but thank you that through his life, we have learned that we can also obey you as our response for Your faithfulness.

Supplication

We pray dear God, that in this time of pandemic and almost the signs of end times are already here, may we hasten to obey your commands. May we put burden in our hearts to obey what has commanded us to do; that is to share the Gospel to every creature so that when the end is here, we will rejoice with You. May we feel the urgency of your calling and we could share how good and faithful You are, if we only we put our trust in You. May we feel the joy and happiness as we do the task given to us until the day of Your coming. Be with us God and may in everything that we do, could bring honor and glory to you name.

Thought for the day

Obey without delay. When we delay to obey, it is also disobedience.



Week 4 Day 3

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We can OBEY

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Adoration

Heavenly Father, You are perfect. Your magnificence is shown in your creation – the universe and the earth speak of Your glory. Your faithfulness is great and your love is everlasting. You are Alpha and Omega. Nothing can stand against You. You are our Elohim who breathed the very soul into our being. You are the Source of great love and compassion. Thank you for being everything that You are in our lives.

Confession

Examine us, Heavenly Father. We have been unfaithful. Forgive us from thinking that we could just simply shake off your commands and follow the ways of the world. We have disobeyed you many times by reading bad books, listening to worldly tunes, spending more time in the internet and playing online games more than reading your Word, listening to Your music and doing your work. Forgive our indolence, also, Heavenly Father. Many times, we'd rather sit around and do unproductive activities.

Thanksgiving

Thank you for your promise "Ask and shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." You give us everything that we need. You have opened the doors of the heavens to give us blessings that we are not worthy of. Blessing that only come from you – love of family and friends, peace that passeth all understanding, immeasurable compassion. Thank you, Father, for remaining who You are.

Supplication

We ask these of Thee Father, continue to cover us in Your palms for protection – from the pandemic and from the evil wiles of the world. Make us remember all the time that You have called us to be the salt and light and as Your children, we have to provide flavour and beam to the world. These times are very dark. The pandemic worries us. Many are lost. We knock unto your door, Father, open your gates, pour blessings upon us and free us from worry. We seek your face, Father, make it shine upon us so that we can rest in your tender love and care. Help us, Father, to carry Your will in obedience with the banner of Jesus our Savior going before us.



Thought for the day

God has called us to be the Salt and Light of the earth. Just as Noah has found favour in God's eyes, we can find favour in God's eyes by being what he has called us to be. We cannot step out in obedience to His will if we don't know what He has called us to do. Do you know what God has called you to do? You can find a quiet place and earnestly ask Him now.





Obeying God brings
blessings in life!

When we obey God, God will prosper us.

Observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands . . . Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go. 1 Kings 2:3

It takes a strong and courageous person to obey God.

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:7-8

There is blessing in obedience.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. Psalm 128:1

Love compels us to obey.

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. John 14:23

When the Holy Spirit speaks to us, we obey and answer to the prompting.

I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands. Psalm 119: 60

Be transformed by the renewing of our mind.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2



Week 5 Day 1

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We will PRAISE Him

*“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” Psalm 95:2-3(NIV)*

Adoration

Dear God,

You are worthy of praise because you are a great God above all others and yet You faithfully and unflinchingly care for me, as insignificant and limited as I am.

Confession

I am sorry that many times I make decisions and act as if I was god, and did not even make any efforts to pause and listen to you in before I think or act. Please forgive for the many times I have lived a bad testimony because of this.

Thanksgiving

Thank you that when I come to you in repentance, you always give me another chance. So I will make a joyful noise, praising you and tell others of what a great God you are!

Supplication

Please always hold my hand and pick me up when I fall, but more than that, help me avoid temptations and deliver me from evil situations.



Thought for the day

The God who was able to Reset the Earth after the enormous Flood, can and will reset my life no matter how destroyed it might have been



Day 2

Week 5 Day 2

Prayer focus: God is faithful - We will PRAISE Him

*"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands." Psalm 63:3-4 (NM)*

Adoration

Dear Father in heaven, how wonderful to be loved by you. You are so powerful, all knowing and Your presence is everywhere and no creature can hide from You. Yet you tenderly care and love me, as a Good Shepherd to the vulnerable lamb.

Confession

I am sorry that I have shunned your love for me and turned to other things and people to get my love and affirmation, rather than to you

Thanksgiving

Thank you for reminding me that Your love for me, exceeds even LIFE and all its glory. That to be IN YOUR LOVE is better than life. As I understand Your great love you have for me, I can't help but praise You and will make You known to all around me.

Supplication

Lord, I can never love others the way you do, until I know how much you love me and assimilate that to my life. Help me understand. (Pray for a specific situation)



Thought for the day

What will it take for me to understand that God's LOVE is better than all life has to offer?



Week 5 Day 3

Prayer focus: God is faithful - We will PRAISE Him

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

Adoration

Dear God, our hearts are filled with gratitude when we reflect on the infinite wisdom of Your plans for mankind, by having Jesus come as our Saviour to save us from our degradation.

Confession

We confess that we are sinful and have gone astray from Your will for our lives, bringing pain, sicknesses and death.

Thanksgiving

Thank you for sending Jesus as the peacemaker, to lead us back to You, so that we can live in harmony with You and with our fellow men.

Supplication

Bind us together as Your children to remind and warn each other to live wisely, through reading the Bible and the Holy Spirit's prompting.



Thought for the day

Think about what is the main message of Christ to me and the world.

Have I been reading God's word faithfully so that the message of Christ will dwell in me?



Day 4

Week 5 Day 4

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We will PRAISE Him

*“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.” Isaiah 12:4 (NM) (also read whole Chapter 12)*

Adoration

Dear Lord, when I think about it, there is really no one greater than You. Creation and the whole Universe shouts Your greatness, from the tiniest living cell to the largest mountain ranges, we all give you praise for how wonderfully made everything is.

Confession

I am sorry that many times I forget that I am the created and You are the Creator. How often I make the mistake that everything should revolve around me and what I want, rather than seek after You and what You have planned for me, which unknown to me is actually 100 times better for me.

Thanksgiving

Thank you that even though I have made you angry through my wrong thinking and actions, Your anger lasts only for a while. On the contrary, You comforted me and helped me, so I know I can trust You without fear.

Supplication

Dear God, be gracious to me and help me when I sin against You and my fellowmen. Help me to be like You, showing kindness and humility instead of being prideful and wanting to be right all the time.



Thought for the day

When we proclaim God's goodness and greatness, people are hearing our voices and observing our actions. Be sure to keep our speech and actions pure.

What has Christ done for me that I can share with my friends and relatives?



Day 5

Week 5 Day 5

Prayer focus: God is faithful – We will PRAISE Him

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;" 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

Adoration

How amazing Lord, that You would consider me as chosen, royalty, a priest, holy and special!

Confession

I confess that on my own I am none of that. Forgive me when I do not live out to be the chosen generation, the royal priesthood and the peculiar people.

Thanksgiving

Thank you for bringing me out of deep darkness to live with You in the light.

Supplication

Help me to be the kind of person that You want me to be : A special, chosen one, a princess, a priest, a holy person, living in the light of God's commands



Thought for the day

If I am what God says I am... How should I be living my life?



How to maintain a heart full of praise during this pandemic lock down?

Our breath is precious gift from God, we breath and live and have our being.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6

Think of how our Almighty God was able to reset the Earth after the enormous Flood, He surely can and will reset my life no matter what I have been through. *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Psalm 95:2-3*

Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, should die for me! God's love is better than life!

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. Psalm 63:3-4

Gratitude is an attitude that chooses to praise God from our hearts. Gratitude is a posture of worship and praise in our life.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16

Proclaim God's goodness and greatness, people are hearing our voices and observing our actions. Be sure to keep our speech and actions pure.

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Isaiah 12:4

Called to be a chosen generation. If I am what God says I am.... How should I be living my life?

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