

Vicar's message July 2020

Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”.(Psalm 46: 1) .This is one of the most beautiful, comforting and beloved verses in the book of Psalms. It reassures that God gives you strength beyond your own, God helps you and God is your refuge when you need a safe harbor in which to shelter. Any time you experience stress, feel the need for help. This is your verse.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today” (Matthew 6: 34). Mark Twain wrote “I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened“. Or, as Tom Petty put it :

“I'm so tired of being tried.Sure as night will follow day. Most things I worry about Never happen anyway”

Most troubles never happen and most worry is wasted. Worry dissipates energy, muddies focus and zaps vitality. So, we are comforted to hear Jesus say, “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.” Do not be anxious.” In anxious times, we are grateful for Jesus' encouragement to stop being anxious about tomorrow and let today's trouble be enough for the day.

“My times are in your hand.”(Psalm 31:15). Psalm 31 is one of the most powerful prayers you can pray. “But trust in you, O Lord; I say, you are my God.’ My times are in your hand.” you can pray this short prayer about anything, entrusting into God's hand whatever it is that you worry about and those for whom you care. Turn it over to God. My son or daughter is in your hand. My beloved spouse's situation is in your hand. My health is in your hand. My career is in your hand. What I am worrying about is in your hand. Even this global crisis is in your hand.

“ We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul” (Hebrews 6: 19). The anchor is the Bible's metaphor for hope. The anchor of hope increases your holding power in rough seas. An anchor holds firm and provides you with hope which is a “sure and steadfast anchor of the

soul”. Stress is reduced and worry calmed when your soul trusts in your holding power. The purpose of an anchor is to dig in and hook the bottom. An anchor must hook in to something. It is not just a heavyweight. If it did not dig in, the anchor would simply drag across the bottom. The anchor digs in, hooks the bottom and holds on. That is its holding power. Your faith gives you hope and holding power.

May God bless you all

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Lectionary July 2020

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
July 05	Stewardship of Resources – Tithe Offering Sunday			
	Exod 18:13-27	1Tim 6:17-21	2Cor 8:1-15	Matt 25:14-30
July 12	Holy Ordination – Priests: Called for Divine Ministry			
	Ezek 33:1-9	1Tim 6:6-16	Eph 4:7-16	Matt 7:24-29
July 19	People of God – Ambassadors of Christ			
	Josh 1:1-9	Phil 1:12-21	2Cor 5:16-21	Mark 6:7-13
July 26	Theological Education: Equipping the people of God			
	Deut 6:1-17	2Tim 2:1-13	Eph 3:1-13	John 12:20-26

Date	Time	Worship services
July 05	10:00 AM	Worship service (Malayalam)
July 12	10:00 AM	Worship service (English)
July 19	10:00 AM	Worship service (Malayalam)
July 26	10:00 AM	Worship service (English)

Tele-Prayer Meetings June 2020

Wednesday's	Tele - chain prayer from 8:00AM-8:00PM. Concluding session prayer meeting at 8:00PM.
Friday's	Tele - Fasting prayer at 10:30AM.
Saturday's	Tele – prayer meeting at 8:00PM with the leadership of area prayer groups and Church organizations.



Wedding Anniversary – July 2020

Date	Name	Town
July 03	Reena & Vinu Abraham	Poughkeepsie
July 04	Rose & Mathew Samuel	New City
July 12	Susan & John Samuel	Spring Valley
July 21	Beena & John P. Koshy	Spring Valley
July 21	Alice & Ajay Pappan	Airmont
July 21	Ethel & Alwyn V. Thomas	Orangeburg



Birthday – July 2020

Dates	Name	Town
July 01	Namita Maria Joshua	Mahwah
July 02	Roy Eappen	Palisades
July 04	Anne Mathews	Suffern
July 08	Thomas Ninan	New City
July 11	Grace Varughese	Suffern
July 12	Sherin Philip	Spring Valley
July 17	Easo Kurian	Orangeburg
July 18	Ethel Gopee	Orangeburg
July 20	Ann Jacob	Congers
July 21	Chacko Yohannan	New City
July 23	George K. Cherian	Orangeburg
July 26	Dias Mathew Samuel	New City
July 27	Aleyamma Mathew	Nanuet
July 29	Ned Philip Idiculla	Bergenfield
July 30	Rose Mary Samuel	New City
July 31	Christine Tom	Congers

