



Youth Trends

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Enough of conforming to the world,
enough of waiting for acceptance; from now on it's just

THE CROSS

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The purpose of Jesus Redeems Youth Ministries is to enlighten the hearts of the youngsters with the Word of God to make them the light of the world and to shine in the midst of darkness as a disciple of Lord Jesus Christ.

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Foreword

The Cross!

My Beloved Young Son/Daughter,

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ! Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter!

I praise God for the burning passion within you—to shine as His witness and serve Him wholeheartedly. It is the Lord's desire that young people should not only be believers but also rise as disciples of Jesus in great numbers.

A disciple is not one who merely lives for himself but one who, like his Master (Jesus), surrenders himself completely. Today's Christian youth must have hearts willing to sacrifice anything for Christ. While a few fervently commit themselves to the Lord, shining as beacons of light in their schools, colleges, and workplaces, the sad reality is that many lack the desire to live for Jesus.

Some people limit Christianity to wearing a cross pendant around their necks or getting its symbol tattooed on their bodies. But being a Christian is far more than that—it is about carrying Christ within and living for Him.

Every young believer must rise with a deep conviction: 'I will be a witness for Christ! I will walk in the assurance of salvation! I will move in the power of the Holy Spirit, reflecting Christ in my school, college, and workplace!

When young people begin to embody Christ in this way, His presence and glory will fill their surroundings. This is how God desires to bring revival into the realms of education and beyond.

Never forget the price Jesus paid for your salvation on the cross—it is a gift freely given, meant to be freely shared. Never hesitate to declare boldly that your Saviour died for you, rose again, and is alive today! We were once destined for eternal destruction, but Christ shed His own blood to redeem us.



MY DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,

NEVER FORGET THE POWER OF THE CROSS!

NEVER CEASE TO MARVEL AT THE BLOOD JESUS SHED FOR YOU!

NEVER STRAY FROM THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS, FOR AS HIS DISCIPLE THAT IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE!

WHEN YOU STAND FIRM IN THIS TRUTH, YOU WILL RISE LIKE PAUL AND PETER—WILLING TO CARRY THE CROSS UNTIL THE VERY END.

FROM THIS MOMENT ON, LET YOUR LIFE DECLARE:

"NO LONGER THE WORLD, NOR ITS FLEETING PLEASURES—CHRIST AND HIS CROSS ALONE SHALL BE MY PURSUIT!"

In Christ's Mission
Mohan C. Lazarus

A Dream Fulfilled!

Hello, youngies...! Greetings in Jesus' name. Shall we hear from **DR. JIHANS** about her journey through medical school; the challenges she endured and the path that led her to become the first doctor in her family from southern Tamil Nadu?



Can you tell us about your family, childhood, and schooling?

My name is Jihans. My father is an engineer, and my mother is a homemaker. I have a younger brother who is currently pursuing engineering. From a very young age, my dream was clear—I wanted to become a doctor. There was never a second option in my mind. Engineering was not even a consideration. Becoming a doctor was my sole ambition.

Even as a child, when I was in first grade, I wrote down in my Bible, in the simplest English I knew, “I want to become a doctor” and prayed over it. This desire was deeply rooted in me from an early age. However, no one in my family was in the medical field, so I had no guidance or understanding of what the journey would entail. I was stepping into an unknown world as the first-generation doctor in my family.

During my childhood, my father raised us with great love and care. As a result, I never experienced any major hardships growing up. However, behind that shielded upbringing, my father went through immense struggles to provide for us. Though I was unaware of his hardships at

the time, his sacrifices laid the foundation for my journey.

Alright... Your parents struggled to send you to college. How was your college life?

When I was in 11th grade, NEET had just been introduced. Today, everyone knows what NEET is, but back then, it was only in its second year, and we had no clue how to prepare for it. There was no proper guidance, and we were told that our state board marks wouldn't matter anymore. So, I focused entirely on NEET preparation.

From Monday to Friday, I studied my school syllabus. On Saturdays and Sundays, I attended NEET coaching and dedicated my time solely to preparing for the exam. I was just an average student, and cracking NEET felt like an enormous challenge.

When the results were out and counselling began, I realized how tough it was even to secure the basic qualifying marks. But by God's grace and relentless hard work, I cleared the exam. Getting into medical college, however, was another hurdle—one that required a huge financial commitment. My family went through immense struggles to pay my fees, and it was nothing short of a miracle that God Himself stepped in to meet our needs. He not only provided for my education but also gave me the strength to pursue it.

Could you share your college experiences?

Until my 12th grade, I had never stepped out of my home or been away from my parents. For the first time in my life, I left behind the warmth of my home and ventured out alone. That was my very first experience of independence.


My first year of college was nothing short of a challenge. I faced numerous struggles, to the point where I even contemplated quitting. Everything felt new and unfamiliar. There was so much to study, yet I had no idea how to approach it. It was an overwhelming phase.

How did God bless your academic journey? Tell us about your exam days.

During exams, sleep and rest became luxuries. Like every other student, I too had to push myself beyond limits. The anxiety was intense—I would feel too restless to eat, and practical exams were especially nerve-wracking. Fear gripped me so much that it sometimes felt like my mind would go blank despite all my preparation. Sleep would beckon, but the very thought of exams kept me awake. On most days, I barely slept for three hours. Even if I set my alarm for 4 AM, I would wake up much earlier, unable to rest.

In those restless nights, I found immense comfort in Psalm 34. I would read it with tears, but by the time I finished, peace would flood my heart, giving me the strength to move forward. Then, I would begin my studies with renewed courage. Whenever I struggled, my friends stood by me like a pillar of support. Their encouragement helped me navigate through every hardship. That's how my college life unfolded—a journey of trials, resilience, and divine grace.

Amidst all this, we had a small Christian fellowship of about 15 to 20 girls. Every Sunday morning, without fail, we gathered for an hour to read the Bible and pray together. That fellowship became our strength, our spiritual anchor. Despite



our hectic schedules, we never let go of this fellowship. It was through these moments of faith and unity that we found the strength to endure and thrive.

Tell us about the final moments of your medical journey...

The moment I received my final results was one of the most joyful experiences of my life. While writing my exams, I found one subject particularly challenging, and it filled me with fear. I earnestly prayed, “Lord, I don’t want to return to this college to study again.” By God’s boundless grace, I passed every subject successfully. That moment is forever etched in my memory. As I stood there, overwhelmed with joy, the struggles of the past five and a half years flashed before my eyes in a single instant. I realized that every hardship, every sleepless night, and every sacrifice had led to this one defining moment. The fulfillment of my childhood dream brought me immense happiness.

A Word to Aspiring Doctors

To all those determined to study medicine—if I, an average student with many weaknesses, could succeed, so can you! Study with diligence, persevere through challenges, and most importantly, seek God’s presence and pray. The same Jesus who granted me wisdom will surely grant it to you as well. Whether you are preparing for



NEET or already in medical school, give your full attention to your studies without distraction. Pray earnestly, and God will guide you. When you study with prayer, the Lord Himself will lead you to focus on the right topics and prepare you for what's to come in your exams.

Dear Young People, Dr. Jihans' journey was not an effortless one. Through moments of weakness and hardship, God walked beside her, strengthened her, and led her through the toughest of paths. If years of sacrifice, sleepless nights, and separation from family could transform her into a doctor today, then know this—God is more than able to do the same in your life! Trust in Him, pray with unwavering faith, and take action. Victory is yours! ■

LOOSE THE KNOTS

Challenge yourself with this Bible quiz on Jesus' death and resurrection! Ensure your answers are backed by scriptural references to confirm their accuracy. Let's see how well you know the Scriptures!

1. What prophecy in the Old Testament foretells Jesus' resurrection?
2. What was the name of the high priest who led the plot to have Jesus crucified?
3. Who carried the cross for Jesus on the way to Golgotha?
4. What was the written inscription placed above Jesus on the cross?
5. At what exact time did Jesus die on the cross?
6. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body for burial?
7. What did Jesus eat after His resurrection to prove He was not a spirit?
8. On the road to Emmaus, what did Jesus do that made the disciples recognize Him?
9. What command did Jesus give to Peter three times after the resurrection?
10. How many days did Jesus remain on earth after His resurrection before ascending to heaven?

**Last Month
Winner**

**Jessica
Sherine
Dindigul**

Last month answers

1. a) Jericho
2. d) Harlot
3. c) Israelite spies
4. b) She feared the Lord and believed in His power
5. b) A scarlet cord hanging from her window
6. c) Joshua
7. b) David

Send your
Answers to



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Anecdote: Kamal Ebenezer



Steadfast Disciples of Christ!

This month, we reflect on the life of the Apostle John, one of the steadfast disciples who remained unwavering in his devotion to Christ. His deep and intimate fellowship with Jesus anchored him in faith until his final breath. He lived with the conviction that "our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3-10).

John's personal relationship with Christ was extraordinary—he was known as the beloved disciple. At the Last Supper, he leaned on Jesus' chest, a symbol of his profound closeness (John 13:23). When Christ was crucified, John stood near the cross, witnessing His agony firsthand (John 19:26). That moment, etched into his soul, could never be forgotten. If merely knowing a bout Christ's suffering stirs our hearts, how much more must it have moved him, who saw it unfold before his very eyes?



Only our love for Christ can sustain us to the very end. Our personal determinations and momentary zeal may waver, but a heart anchored in love for Jesus will remain steadfast. John's love for Christ transformed even his place of exile—a prison meant to break him—into a sacred sanctuary of prayer and divine revelation. That is why God entrusted him with the vision of the Book of Revelation.

May we, too, live as John did—immersed in Christ's love, unwavering in our devotion until the end. Let us meditate deeply on the love Christ has lavished upon us. As we grow in love for Him, we will stand firm for Him...! ■



Run Away!

Dear Anna, I am Raj from Andhra Pradesh, currently studying in 11th grade. Ever since childhood, I have been a diligent student, excelling in all my subjects. I secured over 480 marks in my 10th-grade exams and stepped into 11th grade, choosing the group I truly love. I am naturally a shy person and do not talk much with others. However, my class teacher engages with me frequently—beyond academics—often discussing personal matters. At times, she touches me while talking and try to get close. After the class disperses, she calls me aside and speaks to me in private. On such occasions, she even shows me inappropriate videos and offers me gifts, as if expressing deep affection. This feels wrong to me. Sensing my discomfort, I have started avoiding being alone with her. But this seems to have angered her. Now, she scolds me unnecessarily and even humiliates me in front of my classmates. I don't know what to do. This situation is affecting my studies, and I feel lost. I am unable to share this with anyone. Please help me.

– **Raj, Andhra Pradesh.**



Heart Beat



pline, and values—not to tarnish their future. What you must hold firm in your heart and mind is this: this is a wrongful relationship, an emotion that must be resisted. A true teacher treats their students as their own children, nurturing and guiding them toward greatness.

When that role is misused for inappropriate words or actions, it must be condemned. Thus, your first and foremost step should be to step away. Distance yourself. Protect yourself. Let that be your resolve.

However, today's media, by portraying such immoral relationships and featuring famous actors in these roles, subtly promotes them as acceptable. They declare, "This is love too. There's nothing wrong with it. It's a beautiful relationship." In doing so, they stamp these wrong relationships and impure emotions with an ISI, AG-MARK seal of approval, misleading society into believing that such conduct is part of an ideal culture. This is how the media normalizes sinful patterns as cultural trends. So, Raj, you must be vigilant.

Dear brother Raj,

I completely understand the challenge you are facing. If the issue were caused by fellow students, you could report it to a teacher or seek help. But when the very person entrusted with guiding you—the teacher—harbours improper intentions, the hesitation about whom to approach for help or where to voice your concerns is completely understandable.

Raj, regardless of their position, a teacher crossing boundaries is unacceptable. It is unbecoming of an educator to speak or behave inappropriately. Therefore, your instinct to withdraw and distance yourself is wise. A teacher's role is to shape a student into a gem by imparting knowledge, disci-

Have you ever wondered what devastating consequences might follow if you continue down this path of deception?

- ▶ What starts as casual conversations can eventually lead to dangerous actions, dragging you into a pit of destruction.
- ▶ Your academics, dreams, and future could crumble before your eyes. If the school management learns about your involvement in such relationships, you might even face dismissal.
- ▶ You could bring shame not only upon yourself but also upon your parents, tarnishing their reputation.
- ▶ The guilt of wrongdoing will haunt you every single day, becoming an unbearable burden on your conscience.
- ▶ Your good name in society, built over the years, could be ruined in an instant.
 - ▶ The emotional turmoil that follows could lead to depression, which, if left unchecked, might drive you toward tragic decisions like self-harm. So, choose wisely, Raj. What may seem thrilling today could lead to irreversible regret tomorrow.

What if you choose to walk away from this relationship...?

- ▶ You can refocus on your studies and reach the pinnacle of success.
- ▶ Your parents, who trust in you, will take pride and find joy in your achievements.
- ▶ Among your peers, you will stand as a student of integrity and discipline.
- ▶ The teacher may disapprove of your decision; they may even criticize or falsely accuse you. But if you stand firm in your resolve, you will surely rise above it. Never allow yourself to be drawn into a sinful act.



Raj, just like you, there was a young man in the Bible named Joseph. When a woman tempted him to sin, he didn't hesitate—he ran away!

Deep in his heart, he had made a firm decision to live a life of purity and righteousness in his youth. That one unwavering choice eventually led him to greatness.

**So, think wisely and act decisively!
Jesus will help you. He will strengthen you to live a pure
and victorious life ■**

The Redeeming CROSS

*"But far be it from me to boast
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ"
(Galatians 6:14).*

Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus



Paul, once a fierce opponent of Jesus and a relentless persecutor of Christians, imprisoned and tortured those who proclaimed Christ. He was deeply devoted to Jewish traditions and zealously defended them. However, in Acts 9, the risen Christ personally appeared to him, transforming his life forever. Paul came to the undeniable realisation that Jesus Christ was the true God, accepting Him as his personal saviour. From that moment, his life took a radical turn.

Having experienced an intimate walk with Christ, Paul went on to establish numerous churches. Through him, God revealed how the Church should function and how believ-

ers should grow in Him. His epistles, inspired by the Holy Spirit, became foundational teachings for the Church. A closer reading of Paul's writings reveals that, whether explicitly or implicitly, he constantly pointed to the cross of Christ. For him, the cross was not just a historical event but the very essence of his life and message. It was at the cross that the weight of sin was fully revealed, and through it, the boundless grace of God was made known.





• *The Almighty God, who declared, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool" (Isaiah 66:1).*

• *The Sovereign Creator, who made the heavens and the earth (Psalm 121:2),*

• *The Omnipotent One, who counts the stars and calls them each by name (Psalm 147:4),*

Was now hanging between heaven and earth—between two criminals—on a cross, like a condemned thief.

Scripture reveals that this very God, who fashioned the universe, became man and was lifted up on the cross in the name of Jesus (Psalm 33:16).

But why would the Creator of the heavens and the earth endure such a fate? What crime had He committed?

In those days, the Roman government reserved the brutal punishment of crucifixion for the most heinous criminals—rebels against the state, murderers, looters, and those who posed a grave threat to society.

What sin had Jesus committed? What offence had He done to deserve such a death?

Even Judas Iscariot, who had spent three and a half years by His side and ultimately betrayed Him, knew Jesus well. If anyone could have accused Him, it would have been Judas. Yet, as we examine the life of Christ, we find no fault, no crime, no sin—only the unfathomable love that led Him to the cross.

The Scriptures paint a striking picture of the innocence of Jesus. When Judas, overwhelmed with guilt, cried out, "I have betrayed innocent blood!" (Matthew 27:4), he was acknowledging a truth that even Jesus' fiercest opponents could not deny—there was no fault in Him. Though sentenced to death, when brought before the Roman governor Pilate, he too declared, "I find no basis for a charge against Him." (John 19:4).

Witnessing the unfolding events, even the hardened Roman centurion and his battle-hardened soldiers testified, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" They recognised what others refused to see—Jesus was no ordinary man. He was

blameless, without sin, and set apart. His accusers, driven by envy and malice, could not point to a single wrongdoing in His life.

And yet, this sinless One bore the punishment for the sins of the world. "He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities." (Isaiah 53:5). The cross stands as a chilling revelation of sin's horror—it was not the nails that held Him there, but our iniquities. The weight of our rebellion was what led Him to Calvary. The cross exposes the true gravity of sin, but more so, it unveils the immeasurable love of Christ.

Today, you too may be living in sin—perhaps entangled in alcohol addiction, substance abuse, lustful desires, fleshly cravings, pride, indifference, gossip, or hidden sins lurking in the depths of your private life. You may have dismissed these as trivial, but do you realise the gravity of sin? It was sin that led the Son of God to the cross. It was sin that nailed the Holy One upon that cruel cross. Because of our transgressions, He surrendered Himself to death on the cross (Galatians 1:4). It was our sin that drove Him to Calvary. Sin is not a small matter—it is so dreadful that it crucified the Holy One of God.

Dear young people, Though you know Jesus, though you have been to church, though you understand that He died for you—how much longer will you continue in sin, nailing Him to the cross? How many more days will you grieve His heart with your waywardness? Even now, the Lord is calling out to you—to turn away from sin, to set your life apart in holiness, and to surrender yourself completely to Him. Look upon the Saviour hanging on the cross! Turn back to Him today—run to Jesus without delay! ■

The Cross and I

Across the world, the symbol of the cross is seen in churches, homes, and cathedral spires. Many Christians wear it around their necks as a token of faith, while others mark their foreheads with it during Lent. For most, the cross has become nothing more than a symbol—an emblem of identity.

Yet, Jesus' call to those who would follow Him was far more profound:

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

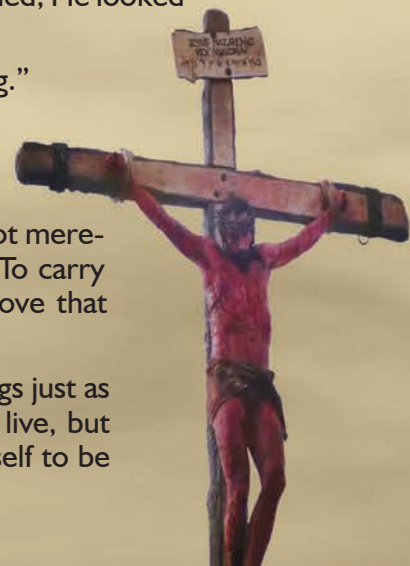
For many, the mention of the cross evokes thoughts of suffering, trials, insults, and humiliation. And while these are indeed part of the Christian journey, they are not its entirety. The cross we are called to bear must be understood in the light of Christ Himself.

Jesus did not merely endure pain on the cross—He revealed love, forgiveness, mercy, and redemption through it. Even as He hung in agony, ridiculed and scorned, He looked upon His tormentors with compassion and uttered:

*"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
(Luke 23:34)*

This is the lesson of the cross that Jesus teaches us. It is not just about enduring suffering but about responding to rejection, humiliation, and injustice with love and forgiveness. The cross teaches us not merely to bear hardships but to extend grace to those who wrong us. To carry our cross is to walk the path of Christ—not just in pain, but in love that transcends pain.

If you truly want to forgive others, you must learn to endure all things just as Jesus did. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The more you surrender yourself to be



crucified with Christ each day, the more you will truly live in Him. This means that your old self—your flesh, its desires, worldly passions, grudges, bitterness, anger, conflicts, and divisions—must be surrendered to the cross daily with the help of the Holy Spirit. “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24). When you willingly take up your cross each day and fix your eyes on the crucified Christ, your life will be transformed, enabling you to love and bear with others just as He did.

You cannot truly belong to Christ if you refuse to love those around you, lack compassion, and hold on to unforgiveness. Jesus Himself said, “Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:38). To follow Christ means to walk in His



footsteps. Yet today, many wear the symbol of the cross but live no differently from the world. If you do the same, how can you be worthy of Him? Instead, do for others what Christ has done for you. Only then will you be truly His.

Dear young people, “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18). Make the cross the centre of your life every day, and you will receive renewed strength. Singing “The cross before me, the world behind me” is not enough—you must truly live it. Take up your cross daily and walk as Jesus walked! ■

Revival FESTIVALS

YOUTH FESTIVAL

Every day (all the 8 Days)
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

We warmly invite all young people to the special meeting designed exclusive for you! Don't Miss this opportunity!

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The Fig Tree Revived

Greetings to you, dear friends, in the matchless name of Jesus!

Last month, we explored the origins of the Israelites. This month, let us journey through the historical formation of the land of Israel.

While in Egypt, the Israelites multiplied greatly under God's blessing. However, a new Pharaoh, who did not know Joseph, rose to power and subjected them to severe oppression. In response to their suffering, God chose a deliverer from among them—Moses—to set His people free.

In those days, the Lord made a covenant with Abraham, declaring:

“To your descendants, I give this land—from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—land inhabited by the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.” (Genesis 15:18-20)

When the cries of His people reached Him, the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

“I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt. I have heard their cries because of their oppressors, and I am aware of their suffering. I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up into a good and spacious land—a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.” (Exodus 3:7-8)

Thus began the divine mission to lead Israel into the Promised Land, fulfilling God's covenant and His eternal plan.

The Israelites were delivered from Egypt by the mighty hand of the Lord, who chose Moses as His instrument. The scripture states, ***“With a mighty hand, the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”*** (Exodus 13:14).

After the servant of the Lord, Moses, passed away, God spoke to Joshua, the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:

“Moses, My servant, is dead. Now, therefore, arise, you and all these people, and cross over the Jordan into the land I am giving to the children of Israel. Every place the sole of your foot treads upon, I have given to you, just as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the wilderness and Lebanon to the great river, the Euphrates—all the land of the Hittites—to the Great Sea where the sun sets.” (Joshua 1:1-4)

This was the promised land of Canaan, as spoken by the Lord. After Moses, God led the Israelites into Canaan through Joshua, and thus, the land of Israel was established. Joshua oversaw the division of the land among the twelve tribes of Israel.

Following Joshua's time,

Israel was ruled by judges until the Lord raised up the prophet Samuel. Later, the people chose Saul as their king.

But when Saul was rejected, God appointed David—a man after His own heart—to reign. David conquered Jerusalem and made it the capital of Israel, solidifying the identity of the nation. ***“He reigned over Judah in Hebron for seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem, he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.”*** (2 Samuel 5:5)

If God could take a single man—Abraham—bless him, and transform him into a great nation called Israel, how much more will He bless and multiply you! If you remain steadfast as His chosen people, the Lord will surely prosper you.

“Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; when he was but one, I called him, blessed him, and made him many.” (Isaiah 51:2)

Until we meet again next month, may the grace of God abide with you all! ■



Christian News: Jenifer

Sensational NEWS!

Hi friends! How are you all doing? I'm absolutely thrilled to connect with you once again through this exciting series, Sensational News!

Alright, shall we dive right in? Wait, wait—before that, let's kick off this edition with some joyful good news! This month is a season of celebration. Can you guess why? Yes! We are about to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus! What greater joy could there be? Think about it—He was born for us, He died for us, and He rose again for us! What an incredible blessing it is to have a God who has done everything for us! Just saying, "We worship a living God!" fills our hearts with pride and gratitude, doesn't it? So, dear friends, wishing you all a glorious and blessed Easter!

The same Jesus who rose from the dead is still alive and continues to prove it by performing countless miracles even today. And that's exactly what we've been witnessing in every edition of this series! So, without further delay, let's jump right in!

Elijah was one of the most renowned prophets of the 9th century B.C. Even his very name, which means "Yahweh is my God," perfectly aligns with his life and mission. A remarkable event from his journey vividly illustrates this truth. At one point, God commanded Elijah to deliver a prophetic declaration to King Ahab, the ruler of Israel, saying that there would be no rain in the land for three years. As the famine intensified, God led Elijah to take refuge by the Brook of Cherith. A prolonged drought would undoubtedly bring severe hardship to the land. But in the midst of scarcity, God did



something astonishing—He provided Elijah with non-vegetarian food! Even more incredibly, He chose an unexpected source for this provision: ravens.

Naturally, we wouldn't expect to receive anything from the hands of a raven. Yet, God orchestrated this miraculous supply, sending these very birds to bring Elijah bread and meat twice a day, sustaining him throughout the famine.

***Does such a miracle happen only in Elijah's time?
Would God still perform wonders like this today?
A resounding yes!—a recent, astonishing report from
England affirms that our God is still the same, mighty to
perform miracles even in this present age!***

A poor family was struggling in extreme poverty. The little children had nothing to eat and were starving. Seeing their plight, the mother encouraged them with faith, telling them how God had provided for Elijah in his time of need. That night, as rain poured and the cold wind blew, she shut the windows and doors, tucking her children into bed on empty stomachs. One of the children, however, sat up and asked, "Mother, I have a doubt. If the windows are closed, how will the raven that God sends bring us food? If God provides us with bread and meat, we won't receive it unless we open the windows for the raven to come in! Please open them." The mother was astonished by the child's faith. Without hesitation, she opened the window.

Unbeknownst to them, outside their house, taking shelter from the rain, stood the mayor of the city. He had overheard their conversation. Deeply moved, he hurried away, bought an abundance

of food, and discreetly placed the parcels through the open window before leaving. Hearing a soft thud, the children rushed to the window and found food parcels lying there. Overjoyed, they lifted their hands in gratitude, thanking God for His provision.

And now, you may wonder—where is the raven in this story? Here's the most surprising part: the mayor's friends fondly called him Raven.

**Dear children of God,
are you waiting for ravens in your
life? More than waiting, you must
have the unwavering faith of these
little ones. So, open the windows of
faith first! Who knows? God might
even use us as ravens to bless some-
one in need. So be ready, friends!
Until we meet in the next edition ■**



The Tabernacle

Info: Moses

THE MOST HOLY PLACE

In past months, we explored the Holy Place within the Tabernacle and its three sacred elements. This month, let's step deeper into the divine mystery of the Most Holy Place, uncovering its significance, sacred contents, and profound truths.

THE DIMENSIONS OF THE MOST HOLY PLACE

The Most Holy Place was a perfect square, measuring 15 cubits in length, width, and height—symbolizing divine perfection (Revelation 21:16). Just as the New Jerusalem is described as a flawless square, the earthly sanctuary mirrored this heavenly design.

THE VEIL OF SEPARATION (EXODUS 26:31-33)

A magnificent veil, woven with blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and fine-twined linen, adorned with cherubim, separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. Suspended on four acacia wood pillars overlaid with gold, it was more than a curtain—it was a sacred boundary, allowing only the High Priest to enter once a year.

Without holiness and proper adherence to divine ordinances, stepping inside could mean instant death. The veil symbolized God's unapproachable holiness. However, when Jesus breathed His last, the temple veil was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51; Luke 23:45), signifying that Christ had opened the way for us to enter God's presence through His ultimate sacrifice. The veil was torn because Jesus shed His precious blood, paying the ultimate price for sin. Just as man fell through self-will, Christ bore sin upon Himself, having His flesh torn on the cross (Hebrews 10:19).

WHAT WAS INSIDE THE MOST HOLY PLACE?

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (EXODUS 25:10-15)

Crafted from acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold, the Ark measured 2.5 cubits in length, 1.5 cu-

bits in width, and height. Golden rings were fixed to its sides, allowing it to be carried with inserted poles. Inside were three sacred items: the golden jar of manna, Aaron's budding staff, and the tablets of the covenant.

THE MERCY SEAT

A solid gold cover was placed over the Ark (Exodus 40:20), and the Mercy Seat was where God declared, "I will appear in a cloud above the Mercy Seat" (Leviticus 16:2). Two cherubim stood on either side, and from between them, God made His presence known.

How could a holy God dwell among sinful men? The answer lay in the atonement sacrifice. Blood sprinkled upon the Mercy Seat allowed God to dwell among His people (Leviticus 16:14-15). This blood enabled God to remain just while justifying those who approached Him in faith (Romans 3:26).

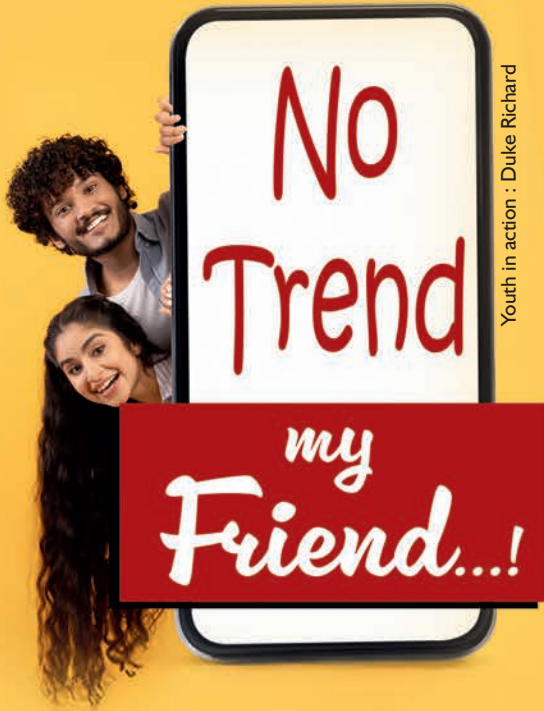
THE CHERUBIM (EXODUS 25:18-20)

Two cherubim, hammered out of pure gold, stood at either end of the Mercy Seat, wings touching while facing each other. Only the High Priest could behold them. Their presence symbolized divine protection, recalling how God stationed cherubim to guard the Tree of Life (Genesis 3:24). Both the veil and the cherubim reminded humanity of its sinful state.

WHY THE MOST HOLY PLACE?

God declared, "There, above the Mercy Seat, between the cherubim, I will meet with you and give my commands for the Israelites" (Exodus 25:22). The Most Holy Place was where divine presence met humanity, where God's voice was heard, and His instructions were revealed.

Now you have glimpsed the significance of the Most Holy Place—its purpose, entry requirements, and sacred contents. But there's more! Next month, we'll explore fascinating details of the Tabernacle. Stay tuned! ■



Youth in action : Duke Richard

Example in LOVE

Hello, friends! How are you all doing? Hope life is going great! Lately, a particular trend has been taking over—one that's spreading fast. Questions like "How's your boyfriend?" or "How's your girlfriend?" have become common. Among today's youth, having a boyfriend or girlfriend is often seen as a status symbol. Unfortunately, many have been caught in this illusionary web, including Christian youth. As a result, countless young people have lost focus on their studies, future, and even career opportunities.

Love, as seen in this world, comes in three forms:

1. Divine Love: the highest form of love (Agape), which extends kindness to both the righteous and the unrighteous. This is the love we see in the Bible.

2. Transactional Love: A "give-and-take" kind of love, where affection is returned only when received. This is the love that exists in human relationships based on worldly standards.

3. Deceptive Love: A self-centered love, driven by personal gain. This kind of love is filled with hidden agendas and manipulation.

Many young people today are trapped in the illusion of deceptive love, unknowingly losing themselves in the process. But when divine love is poured into our hearts, we, as Christian youth, can truly reflect Christ in our lives. The romanticized love we often fantasize about is fleeting—it is built on external beauty, charm, and speech, but in reality, it is often rooted in mere desire. Be cautious!

Paul warns Timothy with a heartfelt exhortation: "Be watchful in love, my dear child." Let's take this to heart and walk in the love that truly endures!

In the Scriptures, we read about Samson, a young man anointed by God. Yet, he longed for the pleasures of the world, fell for a woman from a foreign land, and ultimately lost his anointing. In the end, he perished before fulfilling the divine purpose God had ordained for him.

My dear young friends, what kind of love binds you today? The greatest trials we face in our youth often stem from matters of the heart. The choices we make in love determine the course of our lives—choosing the right love brings blessing, while choosing the wrong love leads to destruction.

Let me tell you this: If you set your deepest love upon the Lord during your youth, your friendships will be wholesome, your relationships will be guided by divine wisdom, and your needs will be met by God Himself. When He is your first love, He will bring the right person into your life at the right time. But if you take matters into your own hands, you may hinder His perfect plan.

Pause and examine your heart—whom do you love, and what kind of love do you hold? If you are a child of God, the Holy Spirit will reveal to you the relationships that are not meant for you. Be vigilant, my friends! Divine love is eternal—it leads to everlasting life in heaven. When your love is rooted in God, you will be a blessing to others, a testimony to the world, and a reflection of Christ's love.

So, be intended about pursuing divine love today. Let your heart be transformed, and may your trend be heavenly love from this day forward. May the Lord be with you! ■

Seeds of Revival

Missionary Biography:
William



David Brainerd was born on April 20, 1718, in Haddam, Connecticut, USA. He was the sixth of nine children in his family. Tragedy struck early in his life—he lost his father at the age of nine and his mother when he was just fourteen. These losses left him burdened with sorrow and consumed by a deep fear of death from a young age. As a result, he grew up without the joys of childhood, devoid of playfulness and happiness. Seeking solace, he turned to worldly pleasures, only to be plagued by guilt and inner turmoil.

One Sunday morning, a profound thought gripped his heart—the terrifying wrath of God. Stricken with conviction, he fasted and prayed the entire day, wrestling with the weight of his sins. As he poured out his heart in repentance, God's mercy embraced him, filling him with an unshakable peace.

At the age of 21, he enrolled at Yale College to pursue his studies. However, due to illness, he was forced to discontinue his education. In 1742, a powerful sermon by Ebenezer Pemberton ignited a fire within him—a call to take the Gospel to the Native Americans. As he listened, Brainerd's heart burnt with a divine burden. He resolved to leave behind all worldly comforts, embracing hardship—even death if necessary—to build God's kingdom among the unreached.

Confirming his calling, he learnt about a missionary organisation in Scotland that was sending missionaries to the Native Americans. Without hesitation, he joined their mission, ready to carry the light of Christ into the wilderness, no matter the cost.



He stayed in Kaunameek, New York, dedicating himself to learning languages. Under the guidance of John Sergeant, he gained profound insights into ministry and its many facets. It was in Kaunameek, among the Native Americans, that he began his mission work.

His days started before dawn, immersed in prayer and meditation, preparing his heart before preaching the Gospel to the indigenous people. His ministry journey was filled with immense hardships. At night, he would rest on a makeshift bed—wooden planks stacked with a layer of straw. Undeterred by rugged terrains and harsh conditions, he tirelessly walked long distances to share the message of Christ. Hardships were his constant companions. Even something as basic as bread required a 15-mile walk, prompting him to adopt the diet of the Native Americans.

He moved hearts to tears wherever he preached. People listened, deeply convicted, and embraced Christ with sincerity. Even children were touched by his message. Some white settlers, curious and sceptical, initially approached him thinking he was a madman. Yet, upon hearing him, they too were transformed. In a single week, twenty-five people boldly stood up to testify for the Lord, their lives forever changed.

In the year 1745, a great spiritual awakening took place in a place called Crosswicks. Within just a year and a half, 150 people had grown in faith. Wherever he went, he established churches and guided people toward the truth. The British authorities, fearing that he was stirring up trouble among the natives and acting against their rule, sought ways to punish him. Yet, no scheme or opposition could hinder his mission.

In September 1746, he fell severely ill with a relentless cough and fever, experiencing excruciating pain in his body. Even in that weakened state,



he walked to minister among the natives. Though he reached a point where he could neither rise, walk, read, nor write, his spirit remained steadfast, full of zeal and joy. When doctors declared that his tuberculosis had reached its final stage and survival was impossible, he remained undisturbed, radiating an unshakeable joy and enthusiasm.

After five years of tireless missionary work—of which 19 weeks were spent bedridden—he entered eternity on October 9, 1749, at the young age of 29.

Dear young people, let not sickness, hardship, or persecution shake your commitment to the divine call! This young man, burdened with a passion for the souls of the indigenous people, laid down his life as a seed of revival in an unfamiliar land, forsaking all comforts. What about you? Do you carry a burden for the people of our land? Will you rise with unwavering passion, understand the heartbeat of God, and dedicate yourself to His great mission?



**Revival
IGNITERS
Monthly Fellowship**

EVERY 1st SUNDAY (6th April)

MUMBAI – DHARAVI (5PM – 7:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, 2nd Floor, Above Balakrishna Farsan Mart, Opp. Apna Restaurant, Near Kamarajar School, 90 Feet Road, 9004882470

VELLORE (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Ajantha Mahal, # 3, 6th West Cross Road, Gandhi Nagar
9442885315 | 9442979556

TIRUPUR (4PM – 6:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, #62, 2nd Floor, Benny Kumaran Main Road.
9442885315

TUTICORIN (3PM – 5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Jehovah Jireh Towers, 51/8D/3, 1st Floor, Tiruchendur Road, Muniyasampuram
Land mark: South Police Station to Kamaraj College Rd.
9442885315 | 9786212103

TIRUPATI (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Unlimited Show Room (Opp.)
7989295442 | 9488938305

EVERY 2nd SATURDAY (12th April)

BANGALORE (3PM-5PM)

Telugu Church, #21, Nethaji Road, Railway Line, Pulikeshi Nagar, Frazer Town. Opp: BWSSB Office.
9962085523 | 9591077110

MADURAI (3PM -5:30PM)

Devanukae Mahimai Church, Nearby MGM Plaza, [Theekadir Busstop] 41, K.Salai pudur Bypass Road, Madurai
9750955548

EVERY 2nd SUNDAY (13th April)

SANKARANKOIL (2:30PM – 5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Sekihnah Mahal, Mullai Nagar.
9750955548 | 8344949555

Igniters Youth Fellowship is a place where young people ignite their spiritual lives, discover the profound truths of the Bible, and find strength in praying for the country as a group. You are welcome to join in on this fellowship and grow stronger. Come on! Strengthen yourself, and get ready to fortify others!

AMBUR (3PM-6PM)

Concordia Hr.Sec. School, Opp Rly.Station
9597927799 | 9442885315

THANE (5PM - 7:30PM)

R.P. Mangala High School (Near Railway Station), Room No.10, Opp. Bank of Maharashtra, Thane (East)
9004882470

THANJAVUR (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Near Balaji Nagar Bus Stop, 18B, TPS Nagar, MC Road
9489775075 | 9444381971

KOVILPATTI (2:30PM -5:30PM)

St. Paul's Matriculation School (Parking area Building)
9677858766 | 9787322334

ALANGULAM (2:30PM)

D. No. 5/2, Vaanjinathan Street, North side of TPV Mill, Thuthikulam Road,
9750955548 | 9965377427

THENI (2:30PM – 5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, #203, Madurai Road, Opp. Anantham Silk, Dr. Kamaraj Hospital, 1st Floor
9750955548 | 9976766422

SURANDAI (2:00PM)

Jawaharlal Middle School
9443962141 | 9750955548

SATHANKULAM (3PM -5:30PM)

Hendry Matric Higher Secondary School, Mela Sathankulam.
9442885315 | 9786212103

CHENGALPET (3PM – 5:30PM)

Reheboth Church, Near old bus stand,
9710809626 | 9488475315

NAMAKKAL (3PM -5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, 16B Naveen Nest Apartment, Podhigai Nagar, 1st street, Salem Road, Namakkal-637001
9962085523 | 94886 18305

POLLACHI (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Grace Auto
1st floor, 163, Raja mill road, Pollachi,
9486037586 | 9487856205

VILLUPURAM (3PM – 5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, HH Complex,
Namnadu Textiles,
Opp., Shanthy Theater Rd
8870517324 | 834411022

ERODE (4PM – 6:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, #216, 1st Floor,
Near Fire Service, Gandhiji Road
9750722000

EVERY 3rd SATURDAY (19th April)**PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre, M K Complex,
71, Venkatesapuram, Near Bank of Baroda,
Trichy Main Road. 9788788512

EVERY 3rd SUNDAY (20th April)**TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre, Shah Complex,
#43/R4, Rajendra Nagar, Trivandrum Road
9750955548 | 9047480484

SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, HOREB Complex,
1st Floor, P K N Road,
(Near Rathna vilas Bus Stop)
9677858766 | 9442906567

COIMBATORE (4 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, #90, 1st Floor,
Arts College Road, Near Charan Tower,
9894399599 | 9442885315

TRICHY (3 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, 22A, 1st Floor ,
Thennur High Road,
Near KMC Bus Stop, Thennur. 9489775075 |
8344119000

CHENNAI (3 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Prince Kushal Towers,
7th Floor B-Wing, Adjacent to LIC Metro,
Mount Road,
9488475315

NALUMAVADI (3PM -5:30PM)

Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi
9442885315

JEBAMALAI (2 PM)

Keelamathapuram, Kadaiyam (via), Tenkasi Dist.
8300131000 | 9750955548

TIRUVARUR (3:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, I.S.A. Rice Mill
Complex,
TTP Main Rd,
9976766322 | 7373374733

RANIPET (3PM-6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Railway Station Road,
Zion Nagar, Near Scudder Memorial Hospital
9500283179 | 9442885315

NAGERCOIL (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, NO: 1055 K.P ROAD,
Milk Depot Junction, Nagercoil
7598155503 | 9442885315

PONDICHERRY (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Kottupalayam
Lawspet,
opp. Latha Steel, E C R Road.
8344433800 | 9442885315

CHITTOOR (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre, Kamlabal Street,
Readspet,
Kangareddy palli,
9487734603

EVERY 4th SUNDAY (27th April)**THIRUVALLUR (3PM -5:30PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre, H S R Tower,
2nd Floor, Near CSI Gowdi Church
9488475315

KARUR (3PM-5:30PM)

CSI Boys High schools, Jawahar Bazzar,
Bunglaw Street, Karur.
9489775075

MUMBAI-MALAD (4PM – 6PM)

Bethel Ground Floor, 305/E, Mith Chauky,
Marve Road, Malad (W)
9664050567 | 9619996976

PERNAMPET (3PM TO 6PM)

Revival Prayer centre, VK Road.
9442885315

THISAYANVILAI (2:30 PM TO 5:30 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Near ML Hospital, Thisayanvilai.
9487810845, 9750955548

*Join us every month
without fail;
Become catalysts of a
mighty revival!*

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Prayer Warrior

My dear young ones, Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus!

Last month, under the theme "I Am a Prayer Warrior," we reflected on the blessing that Zechariah received through his persistent prayer.

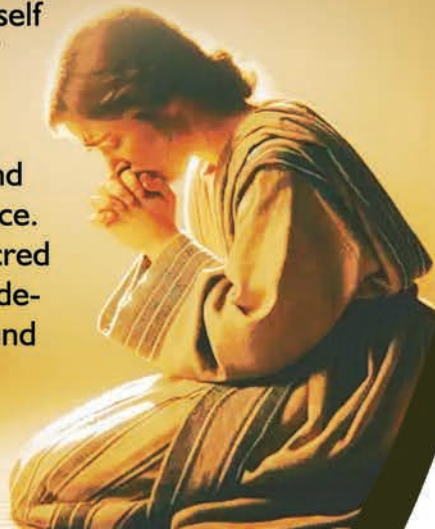
This month, let us meditate on

THE PRAYER OF TEARS!

In the mountainous region of Ephraim lay a serene village called Ramathaim, home to a man named Elkanah. His very name means "God's Authority." Elkanah had two wives—Hannah and Peninnah. While Peninnah was blessed with ten children, Hannah had none (1 Samuel 1:2, 8).

***Who wept? Why did she weep?
Under what circumstances
did she weep?
Was her prayer answered?***

Every year, Elkanah took his two wives and children to Shiloh, a place nestled in the hill country of Ephraim, to offer sacrifices to the Lord. The name Shiloh itself means "a place of rest," a sanctuary where one could pause, worship, and seek God's presence. Yet, even in this sacred journey meant for devotion, Hannah found no peace.



Peninnah, Elkanah's other wife, relentlessly taunted her, cruelly highlighting the one sorrow that weighed heaviest on Hannah's heart—her barrenness (1 Samuel 1:6). Her words were like arrows, piercing Hannah's soul, leaving her in anguish. Overwhelmed by grief, she lost her appetite and wept bitterly, unable to contain the sorrow that consumed her.

Elkanah did not despise his wife; on the contrary, he loved her deeply and gave her a double portion. Yet, despite his tender words—"Why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why is your heart troubled?"—her soul found no comfort. She had come to Shiloh countless times be-

fore, but this time was different. With unshakeable resolve, she determined that she would not return home without receiving a miracle from the Lord.

In the presence of the Almighty, she poured out the burdens of her heart, weeping bitterly as she prayed—"O Lord of Hosts (Jehovah Sabaoth), if You would grant me a son..." She lingered in prayer for a long time, lost in the depths of her supplication.

From a distance, Eli, the high priest, observed her. Misjudging the silent movement of her lips and the anguish on her face, he assumed she was intoxicated—recklessly babbling in the house of God. Without understanding her pain, he rebuked her, saying, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine" (1 Samuel 1:14).

Even as a high priest, Eli failed to perceive the depths of her sorrow. Despite his forty years of experience as a judge over Israel, he could not discern the cry of a desperate heart. Nor could Peninnah, who only added to her pain.

Alone in her grief, she must have wept, thinking, "Is there no one who truly understands me?"

But the Lord of Hosts does not see as man sees. He looked beyond outward appearances and be-

held Hannah's sorrow and longing. He heard the prayer woven with her tears at His feet and granted her a son—Samuel. Even to this day, Samuel, the child born of tearful supplication, is spoken of, preached about, and remembered.

In response to Hannah's fervent prayer, God raised Samuel in the 17th generation to fulfil multiple divine roles:

- 1. A Levite,***
- 2. A Priest,***
- 3. A High Priest,***
- 4. A Chief High Priest,***
- 5. A Prophet,***
- 6. The Leader of Prophets,***
- 7. A Judge,***
- 8. The one who anointed kings.***

Beloved children of God, are you feeling despised by others today? Are the years slipping away as you pour out your tears before the Lord? Lift your eyes to the Lord of Hosts! The God who saw Hannah's weeping sees yours too. He will turn your reproach into a testimony and bless you beyond measure! ■

SPECIAL YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

in Madurai District

With the vision that young people should receive the burden for prayer and evangelism and be empowered to bring revival in their regions...

**IN NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST
TALUK**

IN THIRUMANGALAM TALUK

DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 14

Time: 9:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.

Venue: Elim AG Church,
Koodal Nagar, Madurai

Message & Prayer:
Bro. Sam Jebaraj

Venue: Sukajeewa Deva Church,
Zion Nagar (Near Mass Mahal),
Maravan Kulam, Thirumangalam, Madurai

Message & Prayer: **Bro. Avinash**

CONTACT: 97509 55548



The Space Conqueror



Dear young achievers, my warmest greetings to you!

The way we utilize every single moment given to us determines our future. If we choose to be idle today, we may be forced to endure hardships tomorrow. But if we work hard now, success will come to us as a reward in the days ahead. Here is the inspiring journey of a man who made the most of his time and rose to great heights.

Born in a humble village near Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, V. Narayanan was the eldest of five siblings. Even as a child, he displayed an exceptional passion for learning. He began his education in a government school and later secured the top rank in his tenth-grade examinations from a government-aided school. His academic excellence paved the way for him to pursue a diploma in engineering from a government polytechnic college. His outstanding performance earned him an opportunity to work at ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation). At just 20 years old, he embarked on his journey as a technician at ISRO.

Despite his job commitments, Narayanan pursued higher education, ultimately earning a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering. Before joining ISRO, he worked in private firms for two years to support his family and finance his younger brother's engineering studies. However, his ultimate dream was to make remarkable contributions to rocket science. With relentless dedication and perseverance, he climbed the ranks within ISRO. Today, he stands as its esteemed Chairman.

His unwavering commitment and expertise have earned him prestigious accolades, including the Silver Medal from IIT Kharagpur and the Gold Medal from the Astronautical Society of India.

V. Narayanan's journey, from studying under the dim glow of a kerosene lamp in his childhood to illuminating the world through space research, is truly extraordinary. His story proves that no matter the obstacles, perseverance can turn dreams into reality.

To all the aspiring minds reading this—start working towards your goals today! Procrastination only hands over your success to someone else. Whether you claim victory or let it slip away is entirely in your hands. So dare to dream, strive relentlessly, and let the world witness your brilliance!



Dr V.Narayanan

Secretary, Department of Space (DOS)
Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO),
Pune, Maharashtra



CHRISTIANITY



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Hello, dear brothers and sisters!

As the Scripture says, “Ask for the ancient paths and walk in them,” we have been reflecting on how Christianity was in the past and how it has become modernised today.

One of the topics of debate in this period is the practice of wearing a head covering (Scarf). There was a time when stepping into a church meant seeing every woman with a head covering, a sign of reverence passed down from one generation to another. Little children, having seen their mothers and sisters veiled, naturally followed suit.

But today, when we enter a church, we see a mix—some wearing a head covering, while others display intricate hairstyles of various styles and fashions.

It is undeniable that God sees both men and women as equal. However, some argue that wearing a head covering in church disrupts this gender equality. On the other hand, some view it as an expression of deep reverence and insist that those who do not cover their heads should not even be allowed inside the church.

Up until the early 1960s, even in Western churches, women commonly covered their heads with hats or scarves as a mark of modesty. Yet, today, 1 Corinthians 11:4-5 is often cited in debates about whether this practice is outdated or inconsistent with modern gender equality.

Personally, I find guidance in Matthew 18:7-9, which reminds us that our appearance—whether it be our hair or accessories—should never become a stumbling block to others.

Every nation has its own customs. In England, when people meet the Queen, they show their reverence with a slight bow. In Arab nations, there is a specific way to greet a royal prince as a gesture of honour. Likewise, Jesus Christ is the King of kings, the Lord of heaven. Shouldn't we, then, express our reverence for Him?

Rather than debating whether wearing a head covering is right or wrong, let our focus be on glorifying the One who redeemed us. Let our worship be clothed in holiness. “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9) ■

Prayer Guide

April 2025

Prayer : Esther

Poverty in India

With a poverty rate of 51.9%, Bihar stands as the poorest state in India, struggling with severe economic hardships. Following closely behind are Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh, ranking as the second, third, and fourth poorest states, respectively. Meghalaya holds the next position in this ranking. Despite these challenges, Goa has witnessed a rapid decline in poverty levels, along with Jammu & Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan, where poverty is steadily decreasing. Among all Indian states, Kerala has the lowest poverty rate, with only 0.71% of its population living below the poverty line. Other states with significantly low poverty rates include Goa (3.76%), Sikkim (3.82%), Tamil Nadu (4.89%), and Punjab (5.59%).

Prayer Points

1. Let us pray for the complete eradication of poverty in India.
2. Pray that the people of Bihar, the most underdeveloped state, will experience transformation and be blessed, overcoming the struggles of poverty.
3. Pray for the availability of essential commodities such as rice and wheat at affordable prices, without shortages.
4. Pray that the Indian government will take the necessary initiatives and that the Holy Spirit will guide the nation's leaders in making righteous decisions.

Teenage Pregnancy

According to the National Family Health Survey, one in four women in India is married before the age of 18, and 7.8% of girls aged 15 to 19 are either pregnant or already mothers. In Tamil Nadu, while the number of married women conceiving has significantly declined over the past five years, teenage pregnancies have risen alarmingly. Reports from the Public Health Department reveal that the number of teenage pregnancies, which stood at 11,772 in 2019-20, surged to 14,360 in 2023-24—an increase of 20%. Furthermore, last year, 1.5% of all pregnancies were among teenage girls.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for increased awareness among the younger generation to prevent early pregnancies.
2. Pray for the spirits that create lustful desires to be chained and pray that the young girls have a fear about their future.
3. Pray that young people may come to know the Lord in their youth and be instilled with the fear of God.
4. Pray for those who are entangled in deceptive love and have lost their purity at a young age—may they turn back to God and find redemption.

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Agriculture Sector

India is home to 118 million farmers, cultivating a total of 180 million hectares of agricultural land. Globally, India ranks 4th in food production, yielding an impressive 341 million tonnes of food annually. The nation holds the second position in the world for wheat, rice, and sugarcane production. India's agriculture and allied industries employ a staggering 640 million people, with 80% of them directly dependent on farming. However, over the past few years, 220,000 farmers have tragically taken their lives due to debt burdens, poverty, and other distressing circumstances. Adding to the crisis, 74 million tonnes of food go to waste every year, raising serious concerns about food security and the looming threat of famine.

Prayer Points

1. Let us pray for the salvation and divine provision of the 118 million farmers in India.
2. Let us intercede for the government to implement policies that genuinely benefit and uplift the farming community.
3. Let us seek God's protection over agricultural lands and pray for an abundant harvest.
4. Let us fervently pray for the complete eradication of the spirit of suicide from our nation.

Police Department

India has a total of 13,765 police stations, with nearly 2 million police officers serving across the country. Among them, 215,504 are women officers. In Tamil Nadu alone, there are 98,078 male officers and 76,599 female officers, making a total of 135,042 personnel safeguarding the state. Tamil Nadu is home to 1,312 police stations, yet 9,365 positions remain vacant, awaiting recruitment.

Prayer Points

1. Let us pray for the protection and well-being of the 2.1 million police officers across India.
2. Pray that every officer may uphold integrity and selflessness, serving with honesty and justice.
3. Pray for the mental well-being of police personnel, that their stress may be relieved, workload reduced, and vacant positions filled.
4. Let us intercede for the salvation of police officers and for a spiritual awakening within the force.





(A Special meeting for students appearing for Exams)

By the grace of God, the Achievers meeting was conducted across 14 locations in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Mumbai during the months of January and February, exclusively for students preparing for their board exams. Many students, burdened with fear and uncertainty about their exams, participated in these sessions. However, through this gathering, their anxieties were lifted, their confusion was dispelled, and they walked away renewed with fresh hope and confidence. Around 4,500 students were strengthened in their faith and sent forth with courage. All glory to God!



News!

Job Opportunities on the Rise, but Salaries Stagnant: NITI Aayog Member Expresses Concern



Over the past seven years, the employment rate has been steadily increasing, surpassing population growth. Despite fluctuations, the overall trend indicates a rise in job opportunities. In 2017-18, the labour force participation rate stood at 34.7%, which has now climbed to 43.7% in the 2023-24 financial year.

However, while wages have seen an upward trajectory over these years, they have not kept pace with inflation. The primary reason for this, according to experts, is the lack of adequate skill levels among workers. Comparative data from various countries highlight that India's workforce lags in skill development.

In response, the central government has been implementing measures to enhance workforce capabilities. State governments must also take proactive steps in this regard. Only when skill levels improve will productivity rise, leading to better wages and overall economic growth, the NITI Aayog member emphasised.

- *The Hindu Tamil Thisai, March 3.*

Over ₹400 Crore Spent by Central Government on Legal Cases in the Past Decade



The Central Government has spent over ₹400 crore on legal proceedings in the past ten years. According to official statistics released by the government, a sum of ₹66 crore was expended on court cases in the financial year 2023-24 alone—an increase of ₹9 crore compared to the previous year (2022-23).

In the last decade, the government's cumulative expenditure on legal cases has exceeded ₹409 crore. Breaking down the figures, ₹26.64 crore was spent in 2014-15, while the following year (2015-16) saw an expenditure of ₹37.43 crore.

A Backlog of 7 Lakh Cases: Across various courts in the country, approximately 7 lakh cases involving the Central Government remain pending. Notably, around 2 lakh of these cases are linked to the Ministry of Finance. These figures highlight the significant legal burden borne by the government, as outlined in the official report.

- *Hindu Tamil Thisai, February 27.*

YOUTH Revival Meetings

IN ILAMPILLAI

April 14, (Monday)

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Community Hall, Chinnampatti
Main Road, Idanganchalai, Ilampillai

Bro. Sathish Kumar

96296 37594, 96292 98785,
99435 93528

Salem

DATE

TIME

VENUE

Sri Lakshmi Ammal Marriage Hall,
Near Prabhavathi School, Salem Road, Karumandurai

MESSAGE & PRAYER

CONTACT

IN KALVARAYAN HILLS

May 24, (Saturday)

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Bro. Sam Jebaraj

93858 35867,
95977 54872, 99620 85523

IN MUMBAI

Day: **April 5**, (Saturday)

TIME: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Venue: RP Mangala School, Opposite Bank of
Maharashtra, Near Railway Station, Thane – East

Message & Prayer: **Bro. Sam Jebaraj**

Contact: 90048 82470

IN ARUPPUKOTTAI

Day: **April 27**, (Saturday)

TIME: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Venue: Carmel Mount, Opposite State Bank,
Aruppukottai (Near New Bus Stand)

Message & Prayer: **Bro. Avinash**

Contact: 97509 55548



Bro. Sam Jebaraj



Bro. Avinash



Bro. Sathish Kumar