

Let's pray together as one during these demanding times.

I look to the Scriptures for comfort and strength.

I remember the words of Isaiah 50:10: "**Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.**" During every challenging time and when we look for answers and direction, Isaiah tells us to entrust it all to the Lord.

The reason we can trust him with our lives, our circumstances and trust him to overcome the weaknesses and threats that our congregation has to deal with, is because of his 'Name'. The Lord's 'Name' speaks of his never ending goodness and of his commitment to us. The Lord took an oath by his Name to be our God. The Lord we trust continues to be good and committed to all of us. We know this, because he didn't spare Jesus to make us his own.

That is why I also remember Rom: 38 - 39 when I look to the Scriptures for comfort and strength. It says, "**neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.**"

Uphold your congregation and her leadership in prayer, intercede for the leaders, fast for them, and let them know you are walking with them.

As you do that, let me share some Scriptures that we can be praying for each other and for our leaders during these trying times:

- Pray that the Lord might strengthen our leaders and their faith that God answers prayer.

James 5: 16 - 20.

- Pray that the Lord might be their shepherd giving them comfort, and always leading them.

Ps 23.

- Pray that as a father cares for his children, so the Lord might care for them, because his love is everlasting. *Ps 103: 8 - 18.*

- Pray that as the Lord knows us and our circumstances, they might know that he holds them and continues to guide them. *Ps 139: 1 - 3 9,10.*

- Pray that the Lord will give them comfort as they come to him for wisdom and answers.

Ps 55: 22 and 2 Cor 1: 3 and 4.

As a church community we want to uphold this church and her leaders before the Lord. Not just on Sundays, but in all the days and weeks ahead. As a church community I am asking you personally to pray, and to pray in your small groups, and during your family devotions.

We want our congregational leaders to know that they are not alone, that we stand together and that the Lord journeys with us. In our challenges and our inefficiencies, may the Lord give us the faith and strength to walk his journey together, as one!

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Only through his Word and his Spirit will he guide, protect and keep us. Because Jesus is our help and our salvation.