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Devotional Digest
(Week 8)

CoViD-19

As CoViD-19 persists, it is our duty to join God in His mission even in the confines of our homes, by strengthening the family, interceding for one another, and seeing His glory through the times.

CICC's OIKOS Ministry hopes that through this weekly devotional digest, we share this post to fellow CICC-ers to read and discuss together in our homes as one body and in one Spirit.

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SERVING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

As disciples of Christ,
we are called to carry His cross,
to love our neighbor who's unlike us,
and to serve those in need.
We are the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.
We reflect the works of Jesus.
We serve in His authority,
share His charity,
and shine forth His glory.



DAY 1

HELPING THE HURTING

“But a certain Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion.”

READINGS:

Luke 10:29-37; Rom. 12:9-15

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What were the reactions of the various people who passed by the hurt man? Why did they act in this manner?
2. How does the race of the Samaritan magnify his act of service? To what lengths did he go in aiding him?
3. How can we look beyond the race of a person to be the light of Jesus in this pandemic?

PRAYER: Our loving Lord, You have placed us on earth to be a blessing to others. Forgive us when we discriminate against others, and choose to help those more like us. Help us reflect your love to all. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.



DAY 2

AIDING THE ANXIOUS

*“...casting all your anxiety upon Him,
because He cares for you.”*

READINGS:

Matt. 14:22-32; Phil. 4:6-9; 1 Pet. 5:7

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. How did Christ calm the fears of His disciples when they were in the lake?
2. How can we bring the peace of Christ to those who are anxious during this pandemic?
3. What is the role of prayer in an anxiety-filled life? How can we make prayer a way of ministering to others?

PRAYER: Eternal Father, You have promised peace to those who are anxious and afraid. May we be wise and effective instruments of Your peace to those who are suffering directly or indirectly from the virus. In Christ's matchless name, Amen.



DAY 3

SERVING THE SICK AND WEAK

*“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat;
I was thirsty, and you gave me drink...”*

READINGS:

Matt. 25:34-40; Mark 1:29-34; James 5:14

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. How was compassion displayed in the healing ministry of our Lord?
2. What kinds of people did Jesus identify Himself with? Why do you think Jesus singled them out?
3. In what ways can we serve such people in a real and tangible way?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, You identify with those who are suffering. Sometimes we are blind to the needs around us. Grant us compassion, so that we move to serve such people in the name of the One who suffered for us. In Your precious name, Amen.



DAY 4

SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLING

“How blessed is he who considers the helpless; the LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble.”

READINGS:

Psalm 41:1-2; Luke 14:12-14; Phil. 4:10-15

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. How did the Philippian church help the apostle Paul?
2. In the parable of Christ, why did He desire that the vulnerable and weak be invited to the feast?
3. What blessings await those who share with the poor and needy? Share how you may have experienced such blessings.

PRAYER: Father God, teach us to give without expecting anything in return. From Your example, we learn how to give. Grant that we be a blessing to the ones who suffer around us. In the name of our Comforter, Jesus Himself, we pray, Amen.



DAY 5
CARING FOR THE CONFUSED

*“It is not those who are healthy who need a physician,
but those who are sick;
I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”*

READINGS:

Mark 2:15-17; Col. 1:9-14

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. How can we use our daily encounters with others to care for their souls?
2. What can we learn from the prayer of the apostle Paul when it comes to praying for the spiritual needs of others?
3. What hope can people turn to in these confusing times? How can our hope become evident?

PRAYER: Gracious Heavenly Father, You have given Jesus to us to be our light. May we be bold in sharing Him to those whose minds are darkened and confused by sin, especially during these trying times. In the powerful name of Jesus, Amen.

