

GSFC NEW YEAR PRAYER FOCUS, January 2021

INTRODUCTION

When the pressures of life bear down on you, there's only one cornerstone capable of handling the weight. When your need for guidance is urgent, there's only one cornerstone you can trust to keep your life straight. That cornerstone is Jesus. Trust Him with every aspect of your lives, and you will find that He never fails. He's not just a Rock; He's the Cornerstone."

1 Peter 2:4-9 (amplified version)

"Come to Him [the risen Lord] as to a living Stone which men rejected and threw away, but which is choice and precious in the sight of God. You [believers], like living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house for a holy and dedicated priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I AM LAYING IN ZION A CHOSEN STONE, A PRECIOUS (honoured) CORNERSTONE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] WILL NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED [in his expectations]." This precious value, then, is for you who believe [in Him as God's only Son—the Source of salvation]; but for those who disbelieve, "THE [very] STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE," and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they disobey the word [of God], and to this they [who reject Him as Savior] were also appointed. But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A CONSECRATED NATION, A [special] PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

Prayer points

1. Pray that as a church we will continue to lay our foundation on Jesus by listening/discerning, obeying and following His word in the days ahead in this pandemic and not relying on our human wisdom and strength. Isaiah 28:16 "Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tested Stone, a precious Cornerstone of sure foundation; he who believes (trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone) will not be ashamed or give way or hasten away [in sudden panic].
2. Pray that as a church we will be able to Trust in Him every aspect of our church life, as we open our doors wide and deepen our wells in community, mission, intercessional prayers and our vision in the mist of this pandemic.
3. Pray for the unity of the church as we continue to build His church both physically and spiritually on the rock. Ephesians 2:20-22 "You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone. In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord]. In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you yourselves also are being built up [into this

structure] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.”

4. Pray for the leadership team that God will give them strength to bear the workload on them as they lead God’s people in this difficult times.
5. Pray for yourself that, in the year ahead, you will keep your eyes fixed on Jesus the Cornerstone and trust and rely on Him to guide, keep and take you deeper into Him.

NOTE; I will encourage to share what God has revealed to you over the week of praying. We will be praying and sharing on the Sunday 10th Jan, 2021 during the evening prayer meeting. Write down what God has revealed to you and you welcome to share your testimony.

GOD BLESS