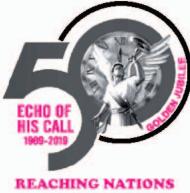


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PSALM 101: 1 to 8

1. I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
2. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
3. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.
4. A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.
5. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
6. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
7. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
8. I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WILL REMEMBER HIS PROMISES TO YOU!

Hon. Editor-in-Chief, Rev. Angeline Selvakumari

A very Happy New Year to all my extended Echo of His Call family!

I pray that this year will be one in which God remembers you, your family and the good work you do for Him.

The Bible assures us that our God is a promise keeper. He declares, **I will not leave you or forsake you until I have done what I promised you.** (Genesis 28:15) When God makes a promise, He is faithful to fulfill it - in His perfect time. His timing may unfold in a day, a week, a month, a year or even across generations. However, His promise will always come to pass.

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* "... Your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine." - Proverbs 3:10 *



Dear Children of God in the Lord,

Warm greetings to you all! We continually pray for your daily protection and well-being. Thank you for your fervent prayers and generous support throughout the past year. We trust that you are all doing well.

The past year in ministry has been marked by God's abundant goodness. While challenges and trials, akin to crossing the Jordan River and facing the Red Sea, arose, the Lord enabled us to overcome them – something impossible by human strength alone.

You may have experienced similar trials in your life. Do not be afraid! God is fighting for you, standing by your side, and will continue to uphold you. As the Lord declares:

... You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle and your animals may drink!" – 2 Kings 3:17

Furthermore, the Lord says:

"Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; whoever believes will not act hastily" – Isaiah 28:16

Do not be anxious. God will perform a miracle in your life as well. Though the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, His grace will never leave you:

For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has mercy on you. – Isaiah 54:10

The God who is able to keep you from falling is with you. Be courageous! Every good thing destined for you will surely reach you before this year ends.

Our ministry journey remains challenging, and at times our strength feels depleted as we battle the enemy. Yet, God continually lifts us up:

For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity. – Proverbs 24:16

Therefore, we are not discouraged. We draw strength from the Lord, who sustains and upholds us.

We humbly request your fervent prayers and cheerful offerings for the Echo of His Call ministries, enabling us to diligently fulfill our mission. Additionally, we encourage you to support your own Churches, other servants of God and ministries in their endeavors. May the Lord bless you abundantly. Amen!

We wish you all a Happy New Year! Praise God for His manifold blessings!

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DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE PRAYERS!

When God has given you a promise, remain steadfast in prayer, claiming it in faith until it comes to fruition. Often, desperate circumstances require fervent and earnest prayers. Throughout the Bible, we find countless examples of individuals who, in their most trying moments, turned to God in desperation – and He responded by remembering them.

When I say “God remembered,” it does not imply that He ever forgets. Instead, it signifies that when we pray with faith and persistence, heaven moves in response to our cries. Amen!

Consider the story of Hannah, who was deeply grieved by her inability to have a child. In



I am a woman who is deeply troubled - Hannah's Prayer

her anguish, she declared, ... **I am a woman who is deeply troubled ...** 1 Samuel 1:15. After pouring out her heart in prayer, her countenance changed. The Bible tells us, ... **Her face was no longer sad.** 1 Samuel 1:18, because she believed that God would answer her. True to His nature, ... **The Lord remembered her.** 1 Samuel 1:19 and she was blessed with a child.

Another powerful example is Hezekiah. When God instructed him to prepare for his death, Hezekiah prayed a desperate prayer:

R e m e m b e r n o w, O L O R D, I p r a y, h o w I h a v e w a l k e d b e f o r e Y o u i n t r u t h a n d w i t h a l o y a l h e a r t, a n d h a v e d o n e w h a t w a s g o o d i n Y o u r s i g h t ... 2 Kings 20:3. His heartfelt plea moved God and his life was extended.

The Bible is filled with testimonies of how desperate prayers have touched the heart of God and prompted divine intervention.

Every time people prayed, God remembered. I don't know how many of you have cried out in the past years, saying, “Lord, remember me in Your loving kindness. Lord, have mercy on me. Please, look at me. Pay attention to my situation.”

I have good news for you! This is what the Sovereign Lord declares:

... N o n e o f M y w o r d s w i l l b e d e l a y e d a n y l o n g e r; w h a t e v e r I s a y w i l l b e f u l f i l l e d, d e c l a r e s t h e S o v e r e i g n L o r d. Ezekiel 12:28.

It is my heartfelt prayer that in 2025, God will remember you and fulfill His plans for your life, your family and your ministry.

As much as we desire for God to remember us, He also calls us to remember certain things at the beginning of this year. He is reminding us of a few important principles we must hold on to and follow:



1. REMEMBER THE DEEDS AND MIRACLES OF THE LORD!

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all Your works and consider all Your mighty deeds. Psalm 77:11-12.

The Bible teaches us to reflect on the miracles and blessings God has performed in our lives. A vivid example of this is found in Joshua 4, where the Israelites, under Joshua's leadership, crossed the River Jordan.



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While crossing, God commanded them to do something significant to remember His mighty acts. He instructed each tribe to take a stone from the riverbed. These stones were to serve as a memorial of God's faithfulness.

The Lord said:

"When your children ask in time to come, 'What do these stones mean to you?' Then you shall tell them, 'The waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord.'" (Joshua 4:6-7).

What memorials do you have from 2024 or even earlier years? If the Israelites had not faced the challenge of crossing the River Jordan, they wouldn't have had memorial stones to pass down to the next generation.

Similarly, God sometimes allows us to face overwhelming challenges, like the roaring, fast-flowing Jordan River. These challenges are not only meant to build our faith but also to serve as testimonies of what God can do – for us and for generations to come.

2. REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR! – Ecclesiastes 12:1

Often, we view this verse as specifically addressing young people. Indeed, it says, **Remember your Creator in the days of your youth...** Ecclesiastes 12:1. However, it goes beyond just youth, calling us to remember our Creator throughout the entirety of our lives.

All too often, we prioritize creation over the Creator. As the Bible warns:

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created

things rather than the Creator – who is forever praised. Amen. – Romans 1:25 (NLT)

Without realizing it, we often give undue importance to material things rather than to the One who made them. Scripture reminds us:

... Seek first His kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.... - Matthew 6:33

We forget the source! God is the author and finisher of our faith. He created everything and remains in complete control of our lives. Every event in our lives comes with a divine purpose. Trust in the Creator, for He works all things together for good.

Take the story of Joseph as an example. He was Jacob's



Joseph had to walk a difficult path!

Jacob, protective as he was, would never have allowed Joseph to go as far as Egypt, where God's plan awaited. So, Joseph had to walk a difficult path: the pit, the prison, and finally, the palace. Despite the trials, including false accusations of assault and imprisonment, God remained in control of every situation.

Dear friends,

Perhaps life has been unfair to you. You may have faced painful experiences, unjust treatment, humiliation, or betrayal – much like Joseph. But remember, your Creator is in control.

Joseph once asked the cupbearer to remember him, hoping for deliverance. Yet it was God, not man, who orchestrated his rise. No man has the power to open doors that God has closed or to close doors that God has opened. Trust in God's perfect timing, for **He makes all things beautiful in His time** (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

In every situation, remember your Creator. He is the lifter of your head and the one who brings His plans to fulfillment. Trust in Him completely.

He Fashions Our Future:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, **"plans to prosper you and not to**



Jacob with his beloved son

beloved son, born to him in old age and cherished deeply – so much so that his brothers grew jealous. Joseph was a dreamer, receiving promises and prophecies from God that one day his family would bow before him. However, God knew this destiny could not unfold where Joseph was. A journey was necessary.

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PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From January 19, 2025 To February 18, 2025

(Please take this sheet out, fold it and keep it in your Bible and pray continuously)



†PRAISE GOD FOR...

- January 19** ⇒ The blessings upon our Associate Editors and their families.
- January 20** ⇒ God's mercy and grace upon our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners and Great Commission Partners and their families.
- January 21** ⇒ The provision for all our financial and spiritual needs during the previous month.
- January 22** ⇒ Blessings upon our Main Church, Branch Churches and their congregations.
- January 23** ⇒ The privilege of regularly conducting theological seminars.
- January 24** ⇒ Opportunities to celebrate Christmas and New Year in meaningful and impactful ways at our Main Church and Branch Churches.
- January 25** ⇒ The fruitful activities of St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible Colleges and Theological Correspondence Courses.
- January 26** ⇒ The unwavering commitment of our Senior Pastor in spreading the gospel through various ministries.
- January 27** ⇒ The growth of our YouTube ministry through 5-minute messages, reaching unreached people.
- January 28** ⇒ His blessings on our publications in 16 languages, printed at our press and distributed to mission fields.
- January 29** ⇒ Divine health and protection for the Echo of His Call staff and their families.
- January 30** ⇒ Blessings upon our coordinators, field missionaries and their families.
- January 31** ⇒ Blessings upon our pastors and senior leaders of the Main Church and its branches.

February 01 ⇒ The miracles in our Hospital Ministry.

February 02 ⇒ His blessings on the Men's Meeting in our Main Church.

February 03 ⇒ Blessing Our Global Vision for Youth and Kid Care Ministry.

†PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- February 04** ⇒ The eradication of new infectious diseases worldwide.
- February 05** ⇒ The youth and outreach ministries of Echo of His Call.
- February 06** ⇒ Provision of the necessary funds for Echo of His Call Ministries this year.
- February 07** ⇒ The safety and protection of women and children across the world.
- February 08** ⇒ An end to violence against missionaries and servants of God.
- February 09** ⇒ The safety and well-being of our Senior Pastor, Rev. S. Sam Selva Raj and his family, shielding them from all evil forces.
- February 10** ⇒ Peace in Israel, Palestine, Russia and Ukraine.
- February 11** ⇒ Success and guidance for students preparing for public and government examinations.
- February 12** ⇒ The protection of students from St.Paul's Matriculation School and Nehemiah Bible College.
- February 13** ⇒ The health and well-being of our office and printing staff.
- February 14** ⇒ Blessings upon our Associate Editors and their families.
- February 15** ⇒ Divine guidance to remain focused on building His Kingdom on Earth.
- February 16** ⇒ Relief for those suffering from illness, poverty and starvation.
- February 17** ⇒ Transformation and repentance for alcoholics and wrongdoers.
- February 18** ⇒ Peace and harmony across the world.

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harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29:11

Joseph must have felt hopeless in the pit, abandoned by his brothers. He might have thought, “There's no future for me.” Imagine his despair as he sat in prison, falsely accused of attempting to assault the wife of a prominent man in the land. The possibility of rescue seemed impossible. How could anyone stand up to someone as powerful as Potiphar?

Yet, in the midst of Joseph's trials, God was at work. Through unexpected circumstances, God used Pharaoh to elevate Joseph and lift his head high. But this transformation didn't happen overnight. Through it all, Joseph learned to trust in God completely.

God is still the same today. This year, He can bring the right people into your life to lift you up and restore your hope. Remember, He is the glory and the lifter of your head. No matter how dire your situation seems or how impossible the path forward appears, trust in your Creator. He can do far more than you can ask or imagine.

3. REMEMBER YOUR PROVIDER!

You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of

my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.” ... – Deuteronomy 8:17–18

Deuteronomy 8 is one of my favorite passages in the Bible. It serves as a profound reminder that all we have – strength, power, wisdom and success – come from God. It warns us against pride, cautioning us not to boast about our abilities or forget the One who provides for us.

The verse addresses even our innermost thoughts, saying, “You may say in your heart...” God understands that sometimes our intentions and actions don't align. That's why this warning goes beyond mere words to include the thoughts of our hearts.

As you step into this year, let it be your prayer that God remains your provider in every circumstance. Remember, the same God who fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish is more than sufficient to meet your needs.



Five loaves and two fish - sufficient food!

Perhaps you're starting this year with significant challenges – uncertain about how to manage your household or provide for your family. Let God's reassurance echo in your heart: “I am your provider. Do not be afraid or dismayed. If I could sustain the widow and her son with a little flour and oil throughout a famine, I can provide for you as well.”

4. REMEMBER YOUR SABBATH!



New Testament Christians traditionally celebrate Sunday!

The Sabbath is often a controversial topic. While I acknowledge that Saturday is the seventh day, New Testament Christians traditionally celebrate Sunday – the day of the Lord's

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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

“Whoever reads, let him understand” (Matthew 24:15)

...Those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. - Psalm 34:10.

Since the inception of **Echo of His Call Ministries** in 1969, we have consistently depended on God's provision for our multifaceted ministries. Over the years, we needed finances for various expenses, including salaries for workers, printing materials, postage, telephone and electricity bills, building rentals, transportation and charitable initiatives.

On a personal note, my Lord Jesus Christ has always been my sufficiency. To this day, I have never approached anyone – be it an individual, office, church member, or friend – for financial support. I firmly believe in relying solely on God's provision, and He has never failed me. In His miraculous ways, He has always met my needs in His perfect timing.

During moments of lack and difficulty, I view those times as seasons for deepening my relationship with God. They are opportunities to pray more earnestly, to bear burdens with faith and to draw closer to Him. These experiences have often been followed by profound miracles. Time and again, God has raised strangers to come to my aid, providing for me and my family in remarkable ways.

In 1975, one such miracle occurred. I needed ₹300 to pay Bapuji Press for printing **Echo of His Call**. As I had no money, I requested the press manager to give me time until the following Monday to make the payment. Though I had no visible source of income, I committed the matter to God in prayer and rested in His peace.

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resurrection – as our holy day. In many Middle Eastern countries, however, the holy day is observed on Friday. If you live in those

By Sunday evening, the needed amount had still not materialized. However, on Monday morning, when I opened my mailbox at the post office, I found an envelope sent from Nagalapuram, a small village between Madurai and Tuticorin in South India. Inside was a bank demand draft for ₹300 – precisely the amount I needed. That timely provision enabled me to fulfill my promise to the press manager. All glory to God!

Years later, I visited Nagalapuram to meet the sender of that envelope. To my astonishment, I discovered he was a poor laborer who made shoes for a living. He warmly welcomed me and shared his testimony.

He said, "Sir, on that particular Thursday, I felt a voice in my heart urging me to send ₹300 – the only money I had at the time – to **Echo of His Call Ministries**. I obeyed, and posted the money on Friday. It's amazing to hear how it reached you exactly when you needed it!"



Through this and countless other experiences, I have witnessed the greatness of God's glory. Though the path is often difficult, my testimony remains steadfast: **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want** Psalm 23:1. I lack nothing.

regions, attending church on a holy. As Scripture says, ... Friday becomes the norm.

My point is simple: whether you celebrate on Friday, Saturday, Exodus 20:11. This command is or Sunday, remember to keep it about prioritizing God on that day.

Therefore the LORD blessed the

Sabbath day and made it holy.

Spend more time with Him, dedicating the day to worship and reflection.

Some interpret “resting on the Sabbath” as an excuse to sleep in or take a relaxing drive instead of attending church. But, dear friends, I urge you with humility: what belongs to God, give it to Him. **...Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.** Matthew 22:21. One day of the week belongs to God – don't rob Him of it.

Unfortunately, many of us have reversed our priorities. We give God the leftover moments, coming to Him only after our work or personal obligations. We justify this with reasons like:

“I have to work; otherwise, who will pay my bills?”

“I need to attend classes on Sundays to pass my exams.”

“I have a match to play; God gave me the strength to perform professionally.”

While these reasons may seem valid, we must ask ourselves:

who are we glorifying in these choices? The Bible says, ... **Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.** 1 Corinthians 10:31. Are we truly glorifying Him? This is the critical question.

5. REMEMBER WHERE YOU HAVE FALLEN!



Repent and turn back to Me!

The Bible gives us a solemn warning:

Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you

don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches. (Revelation 2:5).

At the start of this year, let us pause to evaluate our lives. Where have we fallen short? What do we need to start doing, stop doing or do differently? God is gently calling us back to Him, especially now.

Come to Him. He is waiting with open arms, filled with love and hope. Even when we feel unworthy of His love, mercy, or favor, remember this: Jesus died on the cross knowing we need His grace. Without Him, we can do nothing.

He is ready to forgive our sins, take our broken pieces, and create something new. The real question is: are we willing to surrender our brokenness to Him and let Him make something beautiful?

Have a productive and fruitful year in the Lord. May you touch the lives of many with His love and continue to shine the light of Jesus Christ, making a difference in the world around you.

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