ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE HEALING MINISTRY SUNDAY

9th FEBRUARY 2020

Theme: "Let us Consider..." Hebrews 10: 24-25

1. Call to Worship:

Let us worship our God who cares, love, accepts and considers us as His own

Oh come! Let us give thanks to the Lord Almighty for God's everlasting Love.

Our Lord, Our God! We adore you and love you.

Oh Come! All who are weary and heavy laden.

Our Lord, Our God! give us your peace and understanding.

Oh come! All who are rejected and crushed in the Spirit.

Our Lord, our God! Embrace us with your outstretched arms.

2. Welcome:

3. Opening prayer/Collect for the Day:

Dear God, we come into your presence with reverence and in awe. May you create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me, so that we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Take away all our burdens, worries and anxieties as we worship you. Enable us to hear your still small voice. You have granted us the joy of your salvation. We pray that you minister to each individual as we worship you. Let your Holy presence be our guide and anchor. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

4. Opening hymn: Help us accept each other

5. Apostles Creed/Nicene Creed/Thanksgiving/Confession and Absolution (As in liturgy)

6. Scripture reading:
   - 1st Bible Reading: Leviticus 19: 15-18
   - 2nd Bible Reading: Mathew 6:32
   - 3rd Bible Reading: Hebrews 10: 24-25

7. Introduction to Healing Ministry:

The Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ is based on His compassionate care, life and work. God's invitation to preach, teach and heal which began during the earthly life still continues to and it is open to us. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the only source of every healing from the beginning and till now. This healing is multi-dimensional covering all the aspects namely- spiritual, mental, physical, emotional and social.

In India, the healing ministry was formally initiated in 1905 by a group of missionaries called Medical Missionary Association (MMA). In 1926, it was
renamed as Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI). Today CMAI has about 300 Christian mission Hospitals which include two prestigious Medical Colleges in Ludhiana and Vellore. It also brings together more than ten thousand dedicated Christian Health professionals in the ministry of healing. It has gone from strength to strength to contribute to the different health care needs of our country. CMAI members have done pioneering work in several areas like leprosy, tuberculosis, malaria and HIV/AIDS. The goal of CMAI is to serve the church in India by assisting in its ministry of healing to build a just and healthy society in response to the love and command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

8. **Sermon Outline: Theme- “Let us Consider...” Hebrews 10: 24-25**

**Introduction:** The Biblical Foundation for considering each other is that God cares for us and has put in place human means for care to be given and received. God cares for us (1 Peter 5:7 /Matthew 6:32). God sent His son to be our saviour and our divine-human care giver (John 10:11, 13/ Matthew 28:20). God has put elders in place to care for his church. 1Timothy 3:5 describes one of the qualifications of elders as care for his own household because that’s His church job. God has put families in place to provide care for His people (1 Timothy 5:16); family members and the church partners to give care to the needy. God ordains that all Christians be in a church fellowship where they give care for each other. In other words, God means that the care that flows from him through his son should come to the church not only through elders and families, but also through each member of the church to each other and further proceeds to the whole of the creation.

**Fellowship:** The first miracle is the spiritual rebirth; but the second miracle is that He places us in a spiritual family. Wherever the word 'koinonia'/fellowship appears in the New Testament, it always has togetherness in mind, meaning sharing something together or sharing in something together. Hebrews 10:24 tells that the two elements of Christian discipleship – fellowship and service – are interconnected. It is when we experience true Christian fellowship with each other that we have opportunity to motivate one another to love and good works. These things don't happen in isolation from other believers but only when we engage in intentional, purposeful Christian fellowship.

**Love & Good Deeds:** The words translated “consider” is a word that means “to give careful consideration to some matter, to think about it very carefully, to consider it closely.” When we come across this word in scripture, we are to pause and think very carefully about whatever comes next. And what comes next is the second command “to spur one another on toward love and good deeds”.

The means is “sacrificial care for each other” not just preaching, worship and private devotions, but involvement in each other's lives. The context is “in loving relationships.” And the extent of the care is at every level of youth and age, joy and sorrow, comfort and crisis, health and brokenness. That is precisely why God did not make us into lone ranger Christians, struggling on our own, listening to tapes of sermons and watching religious programs, and reading our Bibles and praying at
home by ourselves when we are born, we are born into a family, and when we are born-again, we are born into our second family – the Church.

**Encourage:** The word translated “spur on” in the NIV is translated “stimulate” (NASB), “stir up” (ESV), “motivate” (NLT), and “provoke” (KJV). It's a word that usually appears in negative contexts and can be used of someone who is upset or irritated or even exasperated. The real meaning is to have a strong reaction to something, and that's what Hebrews 10:24 is getting at here. When we provoke or spur one another on toward love and good deeds, we are trying to provoke a strong reaction in each other. We are trying to motivate one another to love and good works. God saved us so that we could be a blessing to others, not simply to receive a blessing for oneself. This is what commanded in the book of Hebrews that we should motivate one another to love and do good works.

**Conclusion:** One person writes this: People are hungry for acceptance, love and friends, and unless they find them in the church they may not stay there. We need each other. Howard Hendricks says, “You can impress people at a distance; you can only impact them up close. The general principle is this: "the closer the personal relationship, the greater the potential for impact". People grow in relationships and in a relationship where there is trust, there is vulnerability; there can be a willingness to admit need and to explore change; there can be the support and follow-through needed to sustain growth. God understands the impact one person can have on another. Proverbs 27:17 says, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another”. The reality is, we won't be able to do this with everyone. At times we tell ourselves we have to be in control, and that we can't admit our own needs. Yet those times when we need assistance from others are often the times we become the most human. The very time we feel like isolating things from people is the time we need to be with people the most.

Let us diligently and attentively consider each other's trials, difficulties, and weaknesses; feel for each other, and excite each other to an increase of love to God and man; and, as the proof of it, to be fruitful in good works. Our Lord sends us to preach, teach and to heal, through which we partake in the life of others with true love, care and concern that we received from Him. The Healing Ministry Sunday is a reminder to the children of God, the body of Christ the church to remain strong in the fellowship, in love to do good deeds to others and encourage supporting one another towards the life in its fullness.

9. **Intercessory prayer:**

I: Our loving God, we come into your presence with gratitude and thanksgiving. We seek your constant abiding love and care in our lives. We thank you for you have accepted and considered us as the way we are. Just as you have embraced us wholly, give us the courage to embrace and consider each other without any sort of judgmental attitude. Lead us to the path of eternal kingdom where every human being is equally considered.
All: Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayers

L: Merciful God, who is ever sensitive towards the cry of the oppressed, the diseased, the poor and the marginalized, and rejected in the society. We may be the voice of the voiceless, give hope to the hopeless, and be the agent of your peace and comfort to the vulnerable. We pray for our Nation- President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Lawyers and all the Chief-Executives who govern our Country. We believe that you have chosen them to be our leaders. We pray that justice, peace and equality will prevail and every citizen may feel secured and live life to the fullest under their leadership. We pray earnestly that you will strengthen and stir up all our leaders with your divine wisdom and knowledge.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers

L: God our healer, who heals every sickness and diseases. We pray for all who are sick physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually, and people who are broken with various reasons in life. As your word assures that the Lord is close to the broken-hearted and crushed in spirit, we pray for restoration and wholeness.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers

L: Almighty God, bless all CMAI institutions, individual members and Churches across the country. We pray for the ministry of CMAI, the only health arm of NCCI. We commit to you the different Sections- Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains, Allied Health Professionals and Administrators and like-minded professionals. We surrender their work in to your loving hands. Empower them to serve the communities with love, compassion and humility. Grant them good health and sound-mind. Allow them to bear your witness and be the hands that heal through your grace.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

(The leader may also add more prayer concerns/request and conclude with a Pastoral Prayer)

Offertory song:

(If the Eucharist is celebrated, kindly continue the Liturgy of the Communion service and conclude with closing prayer and benediction)

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CMAI office, Plot no 2, A-3, Local Shopping Center, Janak puri, New Delhi

By demand Draft/ Cheque in favour of ‘CMAI, New Delhi’

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