

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE HEALING MINISTRY

SUNDAY, 11th FEBRUARY 2018

Theme: "Hope in Distress"

1. Call to Worship:

"In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help from his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. I am in pain and distress; may your salvation, O God, protect me. I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Ps 18:6 & Ps 69:29-30 NIV

2. Welcome: In the name of our Lord and Savior we welcome each one of you to the Healing Ministry Sunday worship service. This day is set apart to remember and celebrate the healing that our savior Jesus has made it possible for each one of us in a world full of loss, sorrow, pain, turmoil and distress.

3. Opening Prayer/Collect for the Day: Almighty God our source and support of life.

Thank you for this special occasion to know you are our strength in our weakness. We thank you for the gift of your presence which brings healing to our waxed souls. We ask you to strengthen our feeble minds and bodies to be touched by you when we are in distress and trouble. Never leave us nor forsake us because of your constant love which endures forever. May you fill us with the living waters that we may never thirst again or feel abandoned by you. Watch and nurture us to strengthen our feeble hands to experience your health healing and wholeness every moment of our life. Bless every member of your body that they may feel your spirit refreshing at every difficult junctures of our life to have a grip over life and its challenges at all times. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

4. Opening Hymn: 'Crown Him with many crowns'

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

6. Scripture Readings:

1st Bible Reading : Psalm 116:1-19

2nd Bible Reading : Romans 8:18-30

3rd Bible Reading : Mathew 6:25-34

7. Introduction to the healing ministry

The healing ministry of Jesus Christ is based on the compassionate care of Christ His life and work and His invitation to continue the preaching, teaching and healing ministry which began for us during His earthly life. His desire for every individual is to have wholeness of life. Hence healing is multidimensional - spiritual, mental, physical, emotional and social. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the source of every healing from the beginning till now.

In India, the healing ministry formally began in 1905 by a group of missionaries called Medical Missionary Association of India (MMA) and in 1926 it was renamed as Christian Medical Association of India. 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 professions in the ministry of healing. It has gone from strength to strength by contributing 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 churches 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. The suggested Sermon outline

Theme – “Hope in Distress”

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” Matt 6:26-27NIV

Introduction:

Why there are distresses in life? Is it because we are worried and greedy? Or Is it the way God has made us. We are in a state of fallen and live in a cursed world. Yes we are rationale human beings who feel the pain of the mind body and soul. It is from there our distresses begin. Then where it should end, ideally it should end in our faith and relationship in Christ.

Distress is basically to make us think of our dependability to Christ and draw us closer to God and trust on Him at all times.

Distress and Despair

- All forms of life in this world is temporal
- Existence and worrying
- Aim for greater heights
- Loss and coping skills in distress
- Unable to accept changes and have a new hope

Depression and defeat

- Fatigue through constant failure
- Depression after chasing mirage
- Not able to achieve and remain successful
- Resigning to live life
- Gathering negative energy
- Losing hope and interest to live

Dependence on Christ gives hope

- Gives new meaning and definition to life

- Hopeless situations become different as we discover nothing is permanent in life
- Outlook to life changes and gathers new vision, direction, energy and strength
- The strength from knowing God that transforms our inner being
- Having right priorities to life
- Understand the limits and possibilities to life
- Boundaries become enlarged higher way is sought
- Feeling that no loss is a failure

Conclusion:

When we have new Hope in Christ we are undefeatable individuals who are owned by Christ. Our energy to live comes from God as we have perpetual hope in any situation. We remain unconquered and un defeated because of our faith and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. We enjoy the freedom and tranquility and a fulfilled life as the birds of the air. We are privileged to have God like Jesus Chris in this world that is exemplified through our lives.

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, we thank you for your son, who has gone through distress himself for our sake We Pray for your people in this world who are going through distress in their life and ask you to help them as they reach out to you. We pray that you will help all those who are going through distress to prevail over situations. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

9. Intercession

Our loving heavenly father we thank you for making way to overcome all situations of life and we are confident that no situation is beyond your control hence help all those passing through difficult situations in life. Help them protect them and tend and nurture them. Support and care for them..

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord and heavenly father we pray for all those who minister and support those who are in distress. May you give them your special grace to look after those who are going through difficult situation in their life to rebuild them and put the on the road to recovery and healing.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for all those individual members who contribute at different levels in the healing team to truly work together for the wellbeing of your people. We ask you to help every health professional who treats sick people and those who are going through distress, give them the support, skill to diagnose and knowledge to treat and help in the healing process.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God we pray for all CMAI institutions and individual members who are distributed across the

length and breadth of our country to show forth the love of your son to the sick and suffering and distressed. Help all those who are struggling to be relevant and effective in the ministry of healing.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for CMAI which is the health arm of the churches in India to truly help people, your church to address issues that hinders people not to enjoy the abundance of life. Bless the work of each worshipping congregations to serve the people in distress that will make a difference to your people in improving the quality of life.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

(The Leader may add other prayer requests and conclude with a Pastoral prayer).

Song (Offertory)

(If the Eucharist is celebrated, kindly continue the liturgy of the communion service and conclude with closing prayer and Benediction.

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