

Five Ways To Pray (for Sri Lanka) by Ajith Fernando

While it may seem foolish to spend time praying when there is a crisis around us, this is the most powerful thing God's people can do in a national crisis (2 Kings 19). We need to mobilize individual and corporate prayer among Christians.

1. For Holy-Love | Please pray that the church would act with maturity, reflecting the holy-love of God: on the one hand, insisting that the authorities will carry out a thoroughgoing investigation and will punish the wrongdoers; and on the other hand, personally and corporately showing love to all, including our enemies. We cannot afford to let hatred blunt out witness. God will judge the wicked, and He will do that often through government institutions. Our belief in the doctrine of judgment takes away our bitterness over gross sinfulness like this. On our part, we do what we can do, and that is to love our enemies.

2. For Faithfulness | Pray that the church would faithfully carry out its calling to be an agent of healing in broken situations. Individually, we can get close to suffering people. I prayed with my Hindu neighbour this morning when he came home to tell me that his sister had died in the blast. We also can get involved in a more corporate way in bigger projects.

3. For Healing | Pray for the injured and for their speedy recovery, and pray for the medical services to do their work well.

Pray also for the emotionally scarred and for their steady recovery. This is a time when we can be agents of the God of all comfort through our listening and ministering (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

4. For Comfort and Strength | Pray for God's comfort and strength to the many Christian and non-Christian people who have been devastated by the loss of their loved ones.

5. Against Unrest | Pray that extremist forces would not use these incidents to cause unrest in the country. Christians can act as moderating agents because, while we may be enraged by what happened, we are freed from bitterness as we know that a just God who controls history is greater than the problems.

We look at everything in life through the lens of our belief in a God who is holy-love. We know that He judges the wicked, and so we are not bitter. We know that He loves the world and that we are called to be agents of that love. This drives us to action. But we don't do so with a defeatist attitude. We know that God is building His kingdom, culminating in the return of Christ, and that our actions are building blocks in this process.

Holy-love must win in the end! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20).

(Condensed article from DesiringGod.org)



28 April 2019 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Gospel of Mark—Listen to the King part 1

To discouraged disciples facing the difficult reality of suffering and self-denial, Jesus shows us that future glory is real. Disciples are also urged to really listen to Jesus and trust Him as the only way to get through this present life and enter into eternal life.

Next Sunday: Mark 9:30-50



Today's Service

Welcome and Singing
In Christ Alone
No Other Name
There Is A Higher Throne

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading Mark 9:1-29

Sermon By Pastor Ben Ho

Song of Response Still, My Soul Be Still

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Check out slechurch.org.au/groups to find a group that you can join.

Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$5,693.51
Weekly Required	\$5,750.00
Shortfall 2019	\$0.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

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Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD FOR OUR ADOPTION AS GOD'S CHILDREN through the death of Jesus, and praise God for the resurrection that teaches and leads us in living. Praise God that He sends His Spirit into our lives that we might say no to sin and persevere in trusting Jesus and living for Him. Praise God that Easter makes this all possible.

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN SRI LANKA. In the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks which targeted hotels and churches, pray for our brothers and sisters grieving the loss of family. Pray for justice to be administered swiftly. Pray that Jesus would return soon to wipe away all sin and terror and usher in His Kingdom forevermore.

THANK GOD FOR HOLIDAYS AND REST. Thank God for the weeks that have been (or will be) for rest over this Easter period. Pray that we will use this time of rest well—to enjoy our families, enjoy God's creation, and to be refreshed and renewed to love and serve each other.

THANK GOD FOR BLOOM. Thank God for opportunities for the women across generations to gather and encourage each other over the Word. Pray for the upcoming Grunt to do likewise.

PRAY FOR TERM 2. Pray for each other as we continue to hear from and read God's Word together. Pray for our hearts to continue to be wowed by Jesus, and respond in faith and obedience. Pray that we would keep encouraging each other to receive God's Word in faith.

Community News

AGMS—SUNDAY 5 MAY

Appointment of Proxies can be done today at the Patio for CCCB Inc and SLDB AGMs—see table at the patio.

CCCB Inc AGM : 12:15pm
@ 23 Beenleigh Rd, Coopers Plains

SLE AGM : 1:30pm-2pm
@ North Hall, St Lucia

SLDB AGM : 2pm-2:20pm
@ North Hall, St Lucia

GRUNT SESSION 2

In Grunt session 1 we looked at what the Bible says about God's good design for men. This upcoming Grunt we'll be looking at God's good design for men in the church, and we'll be challenged to live that out in SLE Church!

8am breakfast (\$5), 9am start

Saturday, 11th May

North Hall

RSVP via church website: slechurch.org.au/ grunt

SAVE THE DATE!

Church Camp 2019—4 to 7 October.

More details to come soon!

Serving

	Today	Next Sunday
Chair	Randy	Simeon
Prayer	Randy	Mike
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Matthew <i>Ps Steven</i>	Simeon <i>Simeon</i>
M.Tea	Corina	Winnie T. Steph Choi
Wash Up	YF Fri/Sat	SOS Central
Welcome	Richard Georgie Esther <i>Sean</i> <i>Nethanel</i> <i>Joy</i> <i>Leya</i>	Meng Yin Dan Amy <i>James</i> <i>Jabez</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Mildred</i>
Stewards	Sunny Simeon Meng Yin <i>DT</i> <i>Aaron</i> <i>GengHao</i>	Jeffrey Graham Alvin <i>Alan</i> <i>Stanley</i> <i>Helen</i>
Piano	Liesl	Dan Lowe
Guitar	Jabez	Shao Peng
Bass	Ivan	Aaron
Drums	Sharne	John
Vocal	Alisha	Amanda
PA	Reuten <i>Daniel</i>	Matt T. <i>Jowin</i>

9. The Gospel of Mark—Listen to the King—Part 1 [Mark 9:1-29]

1. Introduction: Mountaintops and Valleys

2. Future Glory is Real, So Listen!

A. Future glory (1-6)

B. Present brokenness (14-29)

C. So trust! (14-29)

B. So Listen! (7-8)

3. Present Suffering and Brokenness are Real, So Trust!

A. Present suffering (9-13)

4. Conclusion