

Praying Christ's words to His Church (Revelation 2-3)
SAPC Corporate Prayer
8/9/20

1. Prayer for SAPC

- a. *But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. (Rev 2:4-5)*
 - i. Pray that SAPC (and members individually) would not lose its 'first love' for the Lord
 - ii. Pray that we would remember, repent, pursue obedience to the Lord as strangers and exiles in this fallen world
 - iii. Pray for our witness and ministry to our community
- b. Encouragement / praise—*To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (Rev 2:7b)*

2. Prayer for SAPC missionaries

- a. *Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. (Rev 3:10-11)*
 - i. Pray for our missionaries (in Haiti, Bulgaria, Ukraine, England, Germany, and Pacific Northwest)—for their spiritual growth and joy in the Lord, as well as God's provision for their needs
 - ii. Pray for wisdom to know how to deal with ministry challenges due to COVID-19—pray for open doors for the gospel
 - iii. Pray especially for Curt Snead as he ministers to police officers in our community during this unique time—that God would make it fruitful
 - iv. Encouragement / praise—*The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. (Rev 3:12)*

3. Prayer for Christ's Church throughout the world: *Persecuted Church*

a. *Do not fear what you are about to suffer...be faithful unto death...* (Rev 2:10a)

- i. Pray for physical protection of believers' bodies, lives, property and livelihoods. Brothers and sisters are regularly demeaned, beaten, sexually abused, imprisoned, even murdered all around the world because of the name of Christ
- ii. Pray God would give our suffering brothers and sisters strength to love their enemies and to love Christ more than life itself (Rev 12:10-11).
- iii. Pray that God, for His glory, would turn what the Enemy intends for evil into good, by using the witness of His persecuted church to bring many into His kingdom.
- iv. Pray that, even in the midst of their hardship, our brothers and sisters would rejoice, pray, and give thanks that God has counted them worthy to suffer for the Name. (Acts 5:41)
- v. Pray that God would provide Bibles, safe worship places, good teaching and sound leadership, that His persecuted church, though having "little (worldly) power", would "accomplish that which I purpose." (Is. 55:11)

b. Encouragement / praise—...and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death. (Rev 2:10b-11)