

FaithPrayers

It is our privilege to pray for you

LIGHT IN DARKNESS

A serious study of history will quickly reveal two things. The first is that many strange, pivotal, hard, and decisive times have come to this world long before our own current generation ever arrived. The second is that we are very likely in one of those pivotal and decisive times right now. Many people feel that darkness encroaches upon us. Around the globe, people are saying the same thing – that uncertainty has taken root and evil is abounding.

However. That wonderful word that God can infuse with power. *However*, around the globe people are also coming into greater awareness of the difference between good and evil. Things hidden are coming to light and being exposed. In their respective countries, people are rising up to say “enough!” Whether it is in reaction to the astounding genocides currently in full swing, or the vast slave trade (possibly the greatest number of people in history are being held in slavery during our time...), people of all persuasions have banded together to proclaim to “the merchants of the earth who trade

in the bodies and souls of men” (Revelation 18:13) that we find it unacceptable. Dark hearts are being shown and exposed for the travesties they proliferate. The human realization of good and evil is becoming strong, less intertwined with politics, with ethnic backgrounds, and yes, even less intertwined with ‘religious systems’. As Isaiah the prophet said: “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness.” (Isaiah 5:20).

Because the real truth is, the human race has a Light available to it. The Apostle John says of the True Light, of Jesus...

“In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor of

the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.” (John 1: 4-5, 9-14)

This Christmas, may you be struck anew with both the truth of our world situation, of its growing desperation, and of its cure. That light, that life, shines in the darkness. It is shining strong at



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the moment. It is our great hope. This Christmas, and as we head into what looks to many to be a tumultuous new year, do not let anything tell you that the True Light has dimmed. Many people believe that they know what the future will bring. Some are certain it will be a time of great darkness.

Others believe quite differently. What matters, beyond any of those predictions and thoughts, is that we cling to Light.

“In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (words of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John 16:33).

Be of good cheer, and Merry, Merry Christmas!

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Thank you for your prayer support and financial support during this past year. It is our fervent mission to pray with absolutely as many people as we possibly can around the globe. We believe that as we lift up people in prayer to God, that He can draw them unto Himself, and that they can be ushered into His Presence.

Our Board of Directors, and all of us at FaithPrayers, wish you and yours a wonderful Christmas season.



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

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“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
~ John 1:5

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