

2020 Chodae Community Church  
30 Day Special Prayer

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DAY 22

## “Comfort My People”

### Isaiah 40:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

### Let's Pray Together

- The Word of God is the eternal fountain of life. Let us pray that lives will be revived and restored by the Word.
- God is listening to the cries of the people who follow lies, including the Muslims bound by the forces of darkness. Let us pray for their true salvation and restoration believing that God will also comfort them and proclaim their restoration.
- Let us pray for North Korea, the worst country for Christian persecution. Let us pray that the spirit of darkness will be driven out and the truth of God will be proclaimed there.

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**DAY 23**

**“Bring the Good News”**

**Isaiah 40:9–17**

<sup>9</sup>You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!” <sup>10</sup>See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup>He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. <sup>12</sup>Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? <sup>13</sup>Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord, or instruct the Lord as his counselor? <sup>14</sup>Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding? <sup>15</sup>Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. <sup>16</sup>Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings. <sup>17</sup>Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

**Let’s Pray Together**

- We must continue to live as messengers who bring good news to Zion. Let us pray that we will be bold and confident witnesses of the gospel.
- The reign of the false gods that Islam, Hindu, and heretical groups serve cannot compare with the reign of God. Let us pray that people will realize nothing can stand against our God.
- Let us ask for protection and strength for the severely persecuted underground church in China and for ministers and missionaries there.

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DAY 24

“Lift Up Your Eyes and Look to the Creator”

**Isaiah 40:18–31**

<sup>18</sup> With whom, then, will you compare God? To what image will you liken him? <sup>19</sup> As for an idol, a metalworker casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and fashions silver chains for it. <sup>20</sup> A person too poor to present such an offering selects wood that will not rot; they look for a skilled worker to set up an idol that will not topple. <sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? <sup>22</sup> He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. <sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. <sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. <sup>25</sup> “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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### Let's Pray Together

- God gives strength to the weary and power to the powerless. Let us ask God for strength and power to overcome the weariness and difficulties in our lives.
- Let us pray for our neighbors who are living by faith before God seeking His Kingdom and righteousness in the midst of hardship and adversity in life.
- Let us pray for the Middle East where strong Islamic countries are gathered. Let us pray that the righteousness and love of God will flow into the land where many Christians are killed every year and innocent people, women, and children suffer from civil wars and violations of their human rights, and also that the evil religious leaders will find and acknowledge the only one true God.

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DAY 25 “I am Your God”

Isaiah 41:1-13

<sup>1</sup> “Be silent before me, you islands! Let the nations renew their strength! Let them come forward and speak; let us meet together at the place of judgment. <sup>2</sup> “Who has stirred up one from the east, calling him in righteousness to his service? He hands nations over to him and subdues kings before him. He turns them to dust with his sword, to windblown chaff with his bow. <sup>3</sup> He pursues them and moves on unscathed, by a path his feet have not traveled before. <sup>4</sup> Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the Lord—with the first of them and with the last—I am he.” <sup>5</sup> The islands have seen it and fear; the ends of the earth tremble. They approach and come forward; <sup>6</sup> they help each other and say to their companions, “Be strong!” <sup>7</sup> The metalworker encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer spurs on the one who strikes the anvil. One says of the welding, “It is good.” The other nails down the idol so it will not topple. <sup>8</sup> “But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, <sup>9</sup> I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. <sup>10</sup> So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. <sup>11</sup> “All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. <sup>12</sup> Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. <sup>13</sup> For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

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- God speaks to us not to be startled or fear because He will uphold us with His righteous hand. At this time, let us go before God bringing our fears and pains in our hearts, asking Him to uphold us.
- God protects and blesses His covenant people. Let us pray that more people all over the world will receive Jesus Christ as Lord and call God 'Abba Father'.
- Let us pray for the European nations including England. Let us pray for the restoration of the land where Christianity once experienced great revivals, but now has become an unreached region with many closed churches.

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**DAY 26** “I Myself Will Help You”

**Isaiah 41:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, little Israel, do not fear, for I myself will help you,” declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. <sup>15</sup> “See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff. <sup>16</sup> You will winnow them, the wind will pick them up, and a gale will blow them away. But you will rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>17</sup> “The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. <sup>18</sup> I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs. <sup>19</sup> I will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive. I will set junipers in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together, <sup>20</sup> so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it.

**Let's Pray Together**

- Christians do not need to be afraid of sin or this world anymore because Jesus Christ has overcome the world. Christians rejoice in God and boldly boasts about Him in life. Let us pray that we will live boldly proclaiming the good news of salvation to our neighbors and the world.
- Let us pray for the Jewish people who still do not believe that Jesus Christ is truly God and the Messiah so that they will receive Him by faith and become true descendants of Abraham.
- Let us pray for the Japanese who do not know God and worship countless idols. Let us pray for changes in Japan that is economically wealthy but spiritually poor that they will come to God. Let us pray especially for the missionaries who serve there alone (For missionary Ho-geon Kang and his family).

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DAY 27

## “I will Give to Zion a Messenger of Good News”

### Isaiah 41:21-29

<sup>21</sup> “Present your case,” says the Lord. “Set forth your arguments,” says Jacob’s King. <sup>22</sup> “Tell us, you idols, what is going to happen. Tell us what the former things were, so that we may consider them and know their final outcome. Or declare to us the things to come, <sup>23</sup> tell us what the future holds, so we may know that you are gods. Do something, whether good or bad, so that we will be dismayed and filled with fear. <sup>24</sup> But you are less than nothing and your works are utterly worthless; whoever chooses you is detestable. <sup>25</sup> “I have stirred up one from the north, and he comes—one from the rising sun who calls on my name. He treads on rulers as if they were mortar, as if he were a potter treading the clay. <sup>26</sup> Who told of this from the beginning, so we could know, or beforehand, so we could say, ‘He was right’? No one told of this, no one foretold it, no one heard any words from you. <sup>27</sup> I was the first to tell Zion, ‘Look, here they are!’ I gave to Jerusalem a messenger of good news. <sup>28</sup> I look but there is no one—no one among the gods to give counsel, no one to give answer when I ask them. <sup>29</sup> See, they are all false! Their deeds amount to nothing; their images are but wind and confusion.

### Let’s Pray Together

- Idolatry is the sin that God hates the most. Let us remember that idols are deceiving things that humans have made. Repent if there are things that we treasure and love more than God, and pray that we will love Him more.
- God has already planned to save this world and He continues to carry out His redemptive plan. Everything will be done according to God’s way and time. And He has invited us to participate in His redemptive plan. Our work is to live as witnesses to God’s redemptive plan. Let us pray that we will be faithful with this life of witness that God has entrusted us with.
- Let us pray for the Islamic countries in North Africa and Central Asia. Let us especially pray for countries ‘M’ and ‘U’ where missionaries from Chodae serve. Let us bless the ministries by our missionaries and that their works will be fruitful.

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DAY 28

## “I Will Make You a Light for the Nations”

### Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup> “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” <sup>5</sup> This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup> “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

### Let's Pray Together

- God has made us a royal priesthood in Christ and called us to participate in His redemptive plan. The priest's role was to connect and reconcile people with God. So, the work entrusted with us as a royal priesthood is to connect the people around us to God. Let us pray that we will do this work well.
- Let us pray that Chodae Community Church will be a missional church. Let us also ask the Holy Spirit to help each and every believer to live a missional life.
- Let us pray for missions in 2021. Let us ask that by the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit the Kingdom of God will be expanded and the gospel of salvation proclaimed far away through missions.