



Praying as families for those oppressed with various illnesses.

Day 28

Though scientific advancements in medicine have helped increase longevity of human beings, the downside is the advent of newer diseases that emerge which always keeps the medical fraternity at the edge. The pandemic of Covid 19 took the world by surprise as it claimed many lives, making us understand again the frailty of human lives amidst all our discoveries. Sickness and diseases have not spared anyone irrespective of their wealth and their insurance.

When God's people were warned by God towards right fasting and praying in Isaiah 58:8, he indicates that their healing will quickly appear, which indicates a hindrance in healing due to the sins of God's people. Physical healing for all illnesses at all times is not guaranteed in this world. We see that the prophet Elisha powerfully used by God suffered sickness and died (2 Kings 13:14-25). The ministry of Jesus was filled with amazing healings and restoration as he had deep compassion when he saw people suffer. He was moved in His Spirit and brought healing to so many people as he showed how the Messiah had power over every sickness and death.

Today we have so many people suffering due to various illnesses causing much pain to so many families our communities. The effect of human sin continues to affect humanity though the victory is already achieved through the Cross. Though some sickness like that of Elisha could lead to death, Jesus has conquered both sin and death, by which the sting of death is taken away. We know the blessed Hope we have on the other side of eternity made real because of his sacrifice. Whether in this life or in the life beyond the grave, we are assured through Jesus Christ of eternity to all those who have received him as His Savior.

Though we have this great assurance, it's daunting to see people suffering at times beyond their ability to bear. In a recent visit during Christmas season to meet young babies and children suffering due to cancer, it broke our hearts to see the suffering children and the whole family. Many did not have any resources to even pay their bills. Praise God that a believer in Jesus Christ, who is moved by their situation was raising support to take care of



their weekly expenses for many years now. How can we as God's people respond and participate in this situation of hopelessness that families face oppressed by sickness? Yes, the first step is to pray for God's intervention and healing. Many have witnessed amazing healing touch of God when they prayed in Jesus Name. To trust in His Name and to believe that He died and rose again for our physical and spiritual healing is very important.

As we read in James, 5:14-16, 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

It's also to share in their misery and pain by supporting their bills and travelling with such families who need our care. Praying and healing the sick is a ministry that the Lord has given to the Church. His mighty works continue to bring so many to the saving knowledge of the Lord. So, let's pray for such families who are suffering and become a co-travelers with such families.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, you know every suffering of human beings. While you were in this world, you were moved to heal people and bring restoration and health to so many. Please look with favor on those who suffering, forgive their sins. Give us the needed grace to become co- travellers with them who suffer so that our lives will truly be a healing balm to many around us. Thank you for using your Church to build hospitals in many remote places and serve the needs of people. We pray for all those families involved in the healing ministry in various ways. May your Kingdom be established through the healing of many. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

