

*Newsletter*

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**“THE LORD**  
**LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE**  
*upon you and give you*  
**PEACE ”**

**NUMBERS 6:26**



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# STAY CONNECTED



**WORSHIP MINISTRY**  
**CHILDREN MINISTRY**  
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## MINISTRY

**TEENS MINISTRY**  
**MEDIA MINISTRY**  
**PRAYER MINISTRY**



**COUNTY PRAYER**  
**FASTING PRAYER**

## PRAYER

**MIDNIGHT PRAYER**  
**CONFERENCE PRAYER**  
**PRAYER BEFORE EVERY SERVICE**



## THROUGH CHECK

(Payable to "Throne of Grace Ministries" and mail to 122 Pendant, Irvine CA 92620)

## THROUGH ONLINE

(By visiting our website [www.throneofgrace.us](http://www.throneofgrace.us) or our TOG App)

## GIVING

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We wish you all a very Happy New Year. May God bless you and shine His light on you all through this new year! We pray that God will fill you with His peace and help you to always walk in His ways. We thank God for His mercy and grace that carried us through all these past months. We thank God and pray for His protection on each one of you.

All the services planned for last month went well by God's grace. God blessed our Christmas and New year services. We thank you all for praying for these services. Here are the upcoming events, join us and be blessed:

- Ministry Team prayer for all locations will be held on Jan 15th Sunday at 2PM PST in Irvine (in person) and via ZOOM for members from other locations.

We are conducting our Sunday morning worship service as in person service at our home and streaming it online as well. Please continue to pray with us as we are looking for a church facility in Irvine.

You can visit our website to check for latest updates on upcoming meetings and events. <https://throneofgrace.us/>.

We request you to join our conference prayers that are held throughout the week. We have special midnight prayer every day from 12 to 12:30 am. We also have a conference prayer on Tuesdays led by children and teens at 6PM PST. Please join these prayers and encourage your children to participate as well.

If you have prayer requests for you or your family, please write to us at [pastor.rajan@throneofgrace.us](mailto:pastor.rajan@throneofgrace.us)

***“The Lord lifts up His countenance upon you And give you peace.” - Numbers 6:26***

In His Service,  
Pastor Abraham K Rajan & Indira Rajan



# Good WORKS

## TEEN'S PAGE - MADHUMITHA

***“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:8***

The above verse says that God is able to bless us abundantly so that we can abound in every good work. As God's children, we are called to do good works. On the day of the Lord's return, we need to give Him an account of the works we have done in our lives. Are you ready? In this message let us see how we can prepare ourselves and do the good work that God desires from us.

### **Renew your mind:**

***“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”  
- Romans 12:2***

The above verse tells us that we need to renew our mind to know what is pleasing to God. We are living in a world where we often tend to lean on our emotions to decide what is right and what is wrong. But bible teaches us to renew our mind according to God's word so that we will know what is pleasing to God. When we read the bible and seek God diligently, He will help us to discern what is the good work He desires from us.

### **Ready to give:**

***“Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share” - 1 Timothy 6:18***

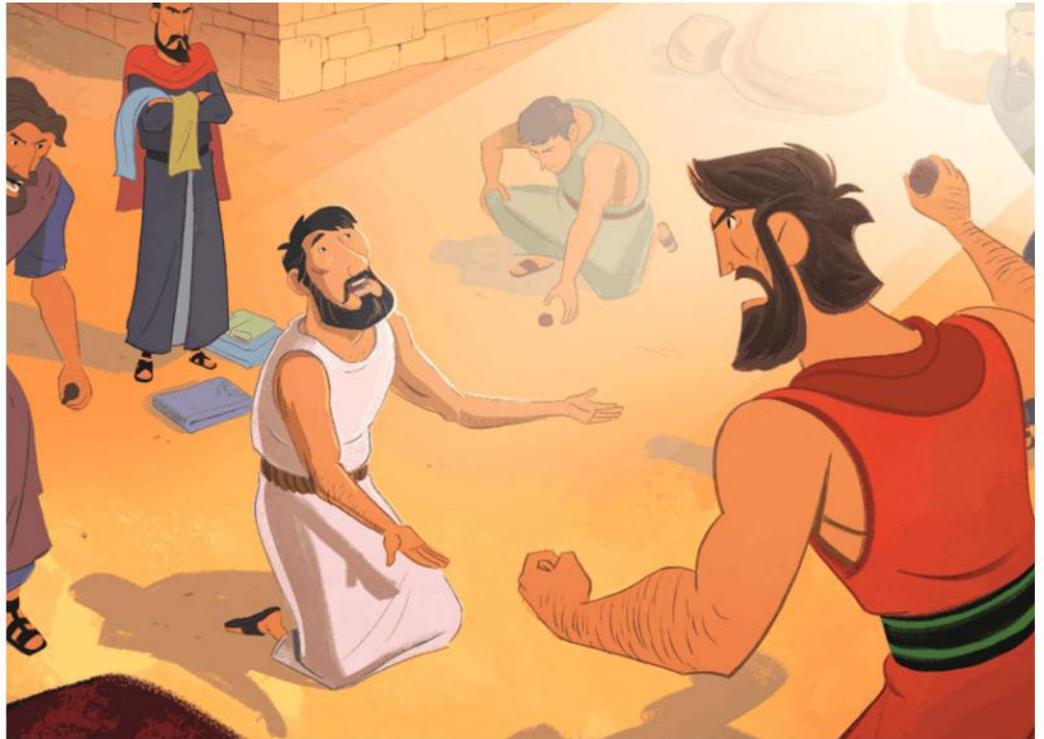
Bible says God loves a cheerful giver! God wants His children to be generous in our giving and willing to share what

we have with other who are in need. In Acts chapter 10 we read about a man named Cornelius who was a God-fearing man and generous in giving alms. When the angel of God visited him, he said to him “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God Acts 10:4. The Lord remembered the good works that Cornelius did, these works came before God as a memorial! The Lord sent an angel to him to show him the way to eternal life! God sent Peter to Cornelius’ house (at a time when Jews would not to enter the house of gentiles) to share the good news of Jesus Christ so that he and all his family can receive eternal salvation! Not only that, as they were all eagerly listening to the word of God that Peter shared, God filled them with His Holy Spirit, and they started to speak in tongues. Cornelius became a blessing to many others to receive an eternal gift because of his good works. Similarly, when we fear God and give to others with a right heart, the Lord will remember us, bless us, and make us a blessing to others.

**Let your light shine:**

***“Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16***

As children of God, we are called to be the salt and light in this world. When we abide in Jesus Christ and walk in His ways, we will be a light to those around us. In Acts chapter 6 we read about a man named Stephen who was full of faith and Holy Spirit, doing great wonders and signs among people. Stephen was chosen by the people to take care distributing food, where he continued to be a witness of Jesus Christ to many. He had wisdom and knowledge about his faith in Christ so no one could resist his wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. When Stephen was persecuted and made to stand



before the council, bible says his face shone as an angel. The Lord was with Stephen because he stood boldly for Him. We are living in times where sharing the gospel and living for Jesus (according to His word) is getting difficult day by day. We are challenged, questioned about our faith and asked why we believe in God’s word. We have to be prepared to stand for the Lord and ready to give an answer to those who ask. Just as Stephen was able to boldly stand for the Lord and testify about Jesus Christ, we have to pray for boldness to stand for God in these last days. This is a good work that God looks from us. The Lord who stood with Stephen will stand with us also during our toughest days.

***“And let us not grow weary while doing good,  
for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” - Galatians 6:9***

As we begin this new year, let us pray that God will give us the grace to renew our minds, to be willing to give to others and to stand for Him at all times.

God bless you. Have a blessed Year.



REBUILD

## WOMEN'S PAGE

Greetings to my dear sisters in Christ. We wish you all a very happy New Year. We pray for God to continually guide and lead you in His ways. We pray that God will speak to you through this message.

***“I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful.” - Jeremiah 31:4***

The Lord wants to rebuild the ruined places in your life. Perhaps there are certain areas in your life that you are not able to experience God's blessing. God wants to assure you that He is able to rebuild and restore things that seemed to be destroyed. In this message we will meditate on lives of two people from the bible whose lives God rebuilt.

**David:**

***“Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.” - Psalm 51:18***

The above verse was a prayer that David prayed when he was in great distress. David was a man whom the Lord lifted from being a shepherd to become the king of Israel. He was a man after God's own heart and delt wisely during many situations and battles and saw great victories. But he lost the joy of God's salvation after he had taken Bathsheba as his wife and killed her husband Uriah on purpose in the battlefield. This act of David displeased the Lord. A prophet of the Lord came to David and spoke the words of the Lord, convicting him of his sin. As soon as he heard the word of the Lord, he ran to God's presence and poured out his heart to the lord and confessed his sin with a broken heart.

David accepted and acknowledged his sins. He did not give up but diligently sought the Lord for His forgiveness and mercy. He confessed to the Lord and knew that the Lord will not forsake a broken heart. David found mercy in God's sight. Sin in our lives will destroy the blessing that God has for us. Yet because of God's mercy we have hope in Jesus

Christ. Jesus carried our sins on the cross that we may receive forgiveness from God. Because of the sacrifice He did for us, God is able to forgive us and rebuild the ruined places of our lives. When we seek the Lord earnestly and acknowledge our sins before Him, God is merciful to forgive and restore our lives, just as He did for David.

### **Samaritan Woman:**

***“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” - John 4:29***



Samaritan woman met Jesus when He sat down near a well where she had come to draw water. Jesus spoke to her asking her to give him some water. She was surprised that a Jewish person would ask her for water. When Jesus responded to her, she said that “I know that Messiah is coming”. “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” This woman seemed to be living a life was not pleasing to God but she was aware that a Messiah will come and teach her everything. When Jesus revealed Himself to her, she did not take it lightly or ignore Him, but humbled herself and received His word. This changed her life! She rejoiced and immediately went into the city proclaiming what Jesus had spoken to her. Her faith made her a great blessing to many people in that city!

In our lives also we must be ready for the visitation of the Lord. When we humble ourselves and receive Jesus Christ in our hearts. Our lives will be rebuilt when we heed His voice and obey Him. And God will use us to be a blessing to many, just as He did for this Samaritan woman.

***“Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.” - Ezekiel 36:36***

In this New Year let us make a decision to confess and repent of our sins and be ready for God’s visitation in our lives. The Lord is faithful, He will rebuild the ruined places of our life.

Have a blessed month.



# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM &



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# WORSHIP SERVICE PHOTOS



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# Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Children's Page

- Anjana Vadivel

Apostle Paul talks about the spiritual gifts that God gives to His children. A spiritual gifts are given by God. It will help us to grow in the Lord and be a blessing to others. The following gifts are mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 – word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues.

For example, if you have a gift of healing, you can pray for the sick, and they will be healed. It will bring great joy to them. If you have a gift of faith, it will help you to face any situation boldly with faith and see a miracle. This is why we need to desire these spiritual gifts and pray for it. Since these gifts are diverse, we should not compare and compete on the gifts which others have. All the gifts are equal in the sight of God. In a body, if one part is hurting, all other parts feel the pain. And if one part feels great, it makes all the body feel better. Similarly, we all are parts of the body of Jesus Christ, which is His church. We must love, help, and encourage each other to grow in these gifts. Through these gifts and the love, we have for each other we will glorify God and be a witness to others.

Even in this new year, let us all desire for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, pray and receive it to lift the name of Jesus Christ.

**Memory Verse**

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

-1 Corinthians 12:12

## WORD SEARCH

### Spiritual Gifts

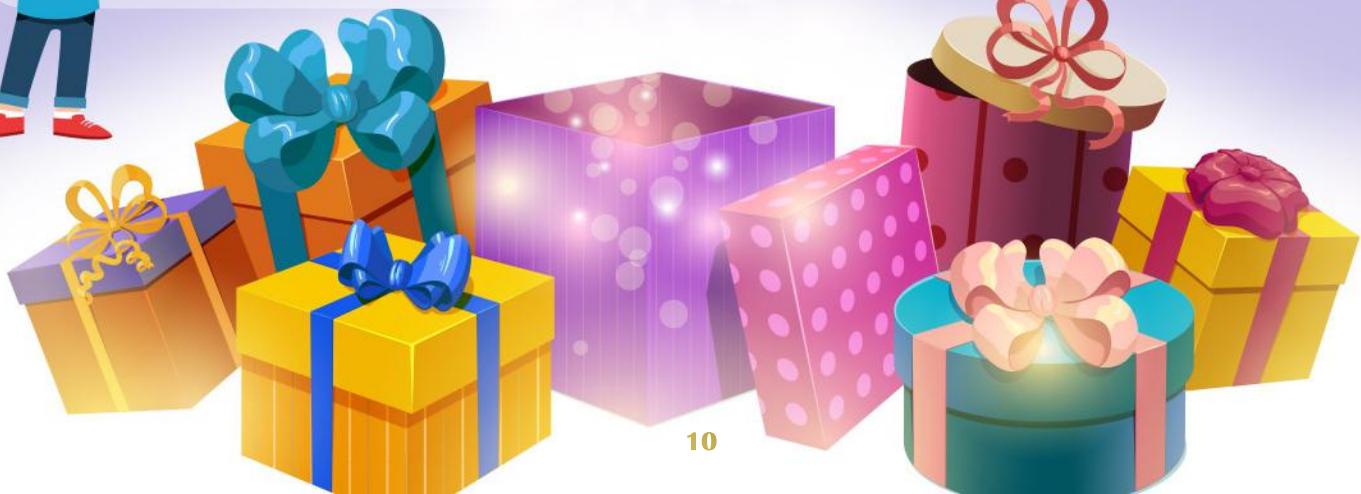
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## Maze

Help all four people find the Bible!



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| healing         | helps           | Holy Spirit | interpretations |
| knowledge       | leadership      | mercy       | miracles        |
| permanent gifts | prophecy        | service     | stewards        |
| teaching        | temporary gifts | tongues     | wisdom          |





# HIS LiGHT

# & Peace

## PROMISE MESSAGE

*“The Lord lift His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” - Numbers 6:26*

As we enter this new year, God wants to bless us according to the above promise. This verse is a blessing that the Lord chose for Israel, which He commanded through Moses, to Aaron and his sons to speak over the children of Israel. There are two blessings mentioned in this promise – to give us His light and peace. Let us search from the scriptures about the importance of these two blessings and how we can receive them.

### **1. Light:**

Light was God’s first creation (Genesis 1:3-4). As children of God, it is His will that we walk in the light, not in darkness. Bible says that He is the light and when we abide in Him, we will not stumble. It’s God’s promise to shine His light upon us so that He can lead us in the path that He has for us. Only He can help us to reach our destiny. In Isaiah 60 we read, Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you... And kings to the brightness of your rising. This means, that when we have the light of the Lord, we will be a blessing to others! Many people in the bible are an example for this, Daniel was one of them.

*“I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.” - Daniel 5:14*

Daniel was a young man who was carried as a captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. The Lord’s light was in this young man’s life that he became a great blessing to even the kings of that land. He could interpret King’s visions and dreams when no other astrologers, soothsayer and magicians could. During the days of Belshazzar when he made a great banquet for a thousand of his lords and they were all drunk, suddenly fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall. The king was greatly troubled as he could not understand the words that were written. Even the wise men, astrologers and the soothsayers of Babylon could not interpret it. So, he called

Daniel because he knew that light of God was in him. Daniel was not only able to interpret the words written on the wall, but he spoke to the king, the ways of the Lord. Daniel was a man who had the light of God in him at all times that the Lord's name was glorified even among the people who did not know Him.

***“He was the burning and shining lamp  
and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.” - John 5:35***



John the Baptist was another man of God who had the light of God in him. These above words were spoken by Jesus Christ about John. Because he had the light of the Lord, he was a blessing to many who rejoiced in his light! The Light of God in us will cause others to know the ways of the Lord. Many in Israel repented of their sins and returned to the Lord because of the ministry of John the Baptist.

### **So, how can we have this light of God?**

- Bible says, Jesus is the light of the world. (John 8:12, John 1:9). When we accept Jesus Christ in our lives, we will have His light in us.
- When Moses was with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, bible says that skin of his face shone. We will have God's light in us when we are in His presence, speaking to Him and hearing from Him. (Exodus 34: 28-29)
- When the children of Israel were walking through the wilderness the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light (Exodus 13:21). The Lord will be our light when we accept His guidance and follow Him.
- Bible promises us that His word is a lamp unto our feet and light to our path (Psalm 119:105). Reading and obeying God's word will help us to walk in the light.
- When we pray to the Lord and seek His face, His light will shine upon us (Psalms 31:16).

Let us make a decision to be with Jesus Christ so that we can walk in the light and be a blessing to others.

***Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” - John 8:12***

## 2. Peace:

***“The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” - Numbers 6:26***

Having the peace of God is also very important in our lives. Although we have everything, if there is no peace in our hearts then its not good. Bible says that it is God who gives us peace (Psalms 29:11).

This peace in our hearts, from God surpasses all understanding. Nothing can disturb our peace when we know that God is in control!

***“Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.” - Mark 4:39***

One day Jesus got into one of the boats and asked His disciples to go to the other side of the lake. But while He was asleep, a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water. The disciples cried out to Him in great fear. But when He arose, Jesus rebuked the wind and the waves and they ceased, there was calm. It was a journey started by Jesus but turned out to be one that seemed life threatening to the disciples. They thought they would perish. Perhaps you are in a situation like that. Maybe you feel like the wind and waves are raging but Jesus is asleep. Do not fear for He is the God of peace. The Lord who spoke to the wind and the waves is able to speak to the situations that you are facing today. He is able to bring calmness in your life. Believe in Jesus Christ and hold onto His peace in your hearts. Jesus turned to the disciples and asked them “where is your faith?” He expects us to have faith because He is with us. When we have the peace of God in us, nothing in this world can shake us.



### **So, how can we have the peace of God?**

- Bible says, Jesus is the prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6). When we are with Jesus Christ, His peace will fill our hearts.
- We need to use the authority we have in Christ. He is above everything, there is no situation that is too great for God. (Mark 4:39).
- We must not allow the enemy to steal our peace. Bible says that the God of peace will soon crush satan under our feet (Romans 16:20)
- We must learn to be anxious for nothing and to pray about everything with thanksgiving to the Lord. (Philippians 4:6-7).

Let us make a decision to follow these scriptural guidelines to have God’s peace in our lives.

***“You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.” - Isaiah 26:3***

Let the Lord bless you with His light and peace all through this New Year 2023.

Have a blessed New Year.

# PROMISE for 2023

**“THE *LORD* LIFT UP  
*HIS* COUNTENANCE UPON YOU,  
AND GIVE YOU PEACE”**

**NUMBERS 6:26**

**NEVER GIVE UP**

## EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2023

<b>S</b>	1 New Year Promise Worship Service @ Irvine	8 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am  Irvine Children Ministry Teachers Meeting @ 1:30 pm	15 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am  Ministry Team Meeting and Prayer @ 2:00 pm	22 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am  San Fernando Valley Worship Service @ 5:30 pm	29 Irvine Worship Service @ 10:30 am
<b>M</b>	2	9	16	23	30
<b>T</b>	3 Children/Teens Prayer in Zoom @ 6:00 pm	10 Children/Teens Prayer in Zoom @ 6:00 pm	17 Children/Teens Prayer in Zoom @ 6:00 pm	24 Children/Teens Prayer in Zoom @ 6:00 pm	31 Children/Teens Prayer in Zoom @ 6:00 pm
<b>W</b>	4	11	18 Irvine – Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	25	
<b>T</b>	5	12	19	26	
<b>F</b>	6 San Jose Worship Service @ 7:00 pm  San Fernando Valley – Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	13 Connecticut Worship Service @ 7:00 pm EST  Las Vegas - County Prayer @ 7:30 pm	20 Inland Empire – Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	27 Connecticut - County Prayer @ 7:30 pm EST  Texas Worship Service @ 7:00 pm CST	
<b>S</b>	7 Santa Maria Worship Service @ 5:00 pm	14 San Jose – Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	21 Las Vegas Worship Service @ 6:30 pm	28 Santa Maria – Bible Study @ 5:30 pm	

**Conference Prayer**

Call-in #: 605 468 8004 Access Code: 240388# (for TOG on Mondays at 9:30 pm)

Las Vegas (Tuesdays)  
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm

San Jose (Tuesdays)  
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Texas (Wednesdays)  
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm CST

Connecticut (Thursdays)  
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm EST

USA & Israel (Thursdays)  
9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

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# THRONE OF GRACE MINISTRIES

## Service & Location Information - JANUARY 2023

### IRVINE, CA

Worship Service:

Every 1<sup>st</sup> of the month - Promise Service

Every Sunday - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Contact Pastor for Venue

Bible Study - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

### LAS VEGAS, NV

Worship Service - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Trinity Life Center

1000 E St. Louis

Las Vegas NV 89104

County Prayer - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

### INLAND EMPIRE, CA

No Worship Service this month

Redeemer Lutheran Church

920 W 6th St

Ontario, CA 91762

Bible Study - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CA

Worship Service - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Life House Church

18355 Roscoe Blvd

Northridge, CA 91325

Bible Study - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

### MANCHESTER, CT

Worship Service - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM EST

New River Community Church

314 Woodbridge St

Manchester, CT 06042

County Prayer - 4<sup>th</sup> Friday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM EST

### SAN JOSE, CA

Worship Service - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Church of the Living Rock

675 E Taylor Ave

Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Bible Study - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

### SANTA MARIA, CA

Worship Service - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

4380 Orcutt Rd

Santa Maria, CA 93455

Bible Study - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

### DALLAS, TX

Worship Service - 4<sup>th</sup> Friday - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM CST

St Paul Lutheran Church

6565 Independence Pkwy

Plano, TX 75023

Pastor Abraham K. Rajan & Sister Indira Rajan

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**FOCUS**  
— 2023 —

**TO BE WITH**  
**JESUS**

**TO HAVE HIS**

*Light & Peace*