

Dear Family and Friends,

Good day to all of you in the blessed name of Jesus, our Lord. All around us, no matter where we are, no matter what country we are in, no matter how old or young we are, no matter what status we have or what political party we align ourselves with, we experience problems. This year has been filled with chaos and surprises that no one could have ever predicted. However, to those of us who know and love our Lord, these problems don't frighten us. It simply makes all the more clear to us that we are on this earth and being "subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now." (Rom 8:20-22) Does this chaos not make us long all the more for our final state, redeemed and dwelling with the Lord? Does this not also make us all the more excited and motivated to tell all our friends and acquaintances the glorious works of our God?

As Covid19 continues to run rampant through this country, more and more people are becoming frustrated, apathetic, and pessimistic about the world's state of affairs. This has become a great opportunity for us to tell the world about the hope we have in Christ, the very one who subjected us to this futility so that we can see the dramatic damages of sin! How easy it was to sit in complacency and think nothing in the world is askew or in need of renewal; yet, not during these evil days! We remain to be the only church in Ankara that is meeting physically, which is granting us opportunity to invite guests to come and see our hope as we worship Him corporately. We have been so blessed to be going through verse by verse the book of Acts on Sunday, and 1 Corinthians on Wednesday evenings. We have also just launched a mini hermeneutics class and study of the church and its leadership roles which is open to our brothers and sisters who are desiring to grow deeper in their love and understanding of God's Word. This has been found with great excitement as all the participants have a portion of scripture that they will be studying and presenting in 5 – 10 minute increments. It is so exciting to see the Lord working in their hearts and see them grow in their love of His living Word and desire to share Christ's love with others.

Additionally, due to the pandemic, many have found themselves in dire straits with the dramatic inflation and loss of employment. Therefore, we are offering food to the hungry and elderly on a regular basis throughout the week. This food is both spiritual and physical food and we would ask that you would pray that through it the Lord would bring about lasting fruit, for His glory.

Finally, we would ask that you would pray for safety and protection from evil people who mean to do us harm. The police continue to "protect" our building every Sunday morning, making many people more than a little uncomfortable; not to mention our neighboring businesses and residents. Nevertheless, we continue to press on for the goal that is set before us and trust that the Lord will continue to work in hearts and display His glory to the onlooking world! "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." (Eph 3:20-21)

For the joy set before us,  
Joe, Karyn, and Angela Cavan

## Praises and Prayers:

- Praise God for always providing for our needs.
- Praise God for good health, sound mind, and energy.
- Praise God for opportunities to trust in Him and walk in His ways.
- Praise God for protection during these evil days.
- Pray for us to boldly proclaim the gospel.
- Pray for Ishak as he and his family have been struck with Covid-19. May he use this time to share the hope he has in Christ again with his mother and family.
- Pray for everyone to think of others before themselves and use the safety mitigations without complaint as we submit to the local laws of this land.
- Pray for protection from evil men who seek to do us harm.
- Pray that the police presence in front of the church does not deter those who are seeking to enter our building to worship God.
- Pray that we would as a church, make it our habit to encourage one another with the Word, hymns, and psalms.
- Pray for God to use our social media to guide us to His elect so that we can have the privilege of sharing God's Good News with them.
- Pray for Bulbul to mature in the Lord and think not only of his own interests but the interests of others first.
- Pray for Necip to have endurance as he cares for his son with cancer, divorced daughter and grand-children, and himself with little income. May he continue to trust in the Lord and see Him provide for all his needs.
- Pray for Roka to have a humble spirit and not be puffed up as she gains knowledge and understanding of the Word.
- Pray for Selma to make God her priority as so many "responsibilities" fight for her attention.
- Pray for Lale, a single and elderly believer, may the Lord grant her a just hearing as she desires a fair portion of her inheritance.
- Pray for Murat, that God would open his eyes to the abounding gloriousness of the Gospel.
- Pray for us as a church to grow together in love for one another and live out the truths of the Gospel so that the world will know that Jesus is the Son sent by the Father to redeem us from our sins.
- Pray we would be found faithful and continually press on toward the goal.