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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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LORD’S DAY 29 MAY 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 8:1-9	Psalm 134
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 49 – “How Great Thou Art”	RHC 237 – “Revive Us Again”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 72	Ephesians 4:1-16
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 72 verses 1-6, 18-19</i> (to the tune of Arlington, RHC 433)	RHC 419 – “Take My Life and Let It Be”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 390 – “Something For Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	John 14:25-27	Isaiah 49:1-13
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Eld George Chew	Eld George Chew
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Peace in Our Time</i>	<i>The Covenant Worker</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 115 – “Constantly Abiding”	RHC 450 – “To the Work!”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Eld George Chew	Eld George Chew
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>Lord Dismiss Us (stanzas 1 & 4)</i>

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

Church Theme 2011 – “Continue in the Word” – 2 Timothy 3:14

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 25

Two weeks ago, I mentioned four things that we ought to pray for ourselves. They are physical needs, physical healings, the Lord's guidance, and wisdom. Each and every one of these four items is important, though I have written about them only briefly. For example, let me think about praying for the Lord's guidance. This prayer implies lots of things including our needs to make major decisions in life like careers, marriage, relationships, or future directions. There are a couple of more items we may consider to pray for ourselves.

Fifth, we pray for victory over temptations. It is a part of the Lord's prayer. Matthew 6:13 says, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Luke 22:40, "And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation." Noah Webster defines *temptation* as "Solicitation of the passions; enticements to evil proceeding from the prospect of pleasure or advantage." Then, we may think about the varieties of temptations in life. We may consider the first temptation by which all mankind fell into sin. Genesis 3:6 says, "And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Maybe the temptation implied here is epitomized by the teachings from 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." The temptation of jealousy caused Cain to murder his own brother. Temptation brought Lot and his family to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. We find temptations that stir up the lustful passions of men and women. David sinned against God, and Solomon also fell unto sin. Temptations came through lust. Temptations coming through sinful flesh are powerful. Judas Iscariot betrayed the Master for thirty pieces of silver. Ananias and Sapphira fell into temptation that caused immediate divine judgment in Acts 5. This temptation is related to their hypocrisy, lie to God, and love of money. Money is essential for our survival, but the love of money is also the root of all sins. Persecution is also a temptation that weakens our trust in God and turns our hearts away from Him. That is precisely what the Lord Jesus cautioned His men in Luke 22:40b, "Pray that ye enter not into temptation." We all know that Peter denied the Lord three times in one night. Therefore, we need to pray for victories over temptations. We do know that whatever the challenge is God gives us the victory. Proverbs 21:31, "The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD." Only God can be of our help in times of temptations. Psalm 60:11, "Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man."

Sixth, we pray for forgiveness of sins. Matthew 6:12, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Jesus prayed for the ones who opposed Him for forgiveness in Luke 23:34, "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." Stephen prayed for God's forgiveness for the ones who laid their hands on and killed him in Acts 7:60, "And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep." Prayer for forgiveness is well mentioned in Solomon's prayer at the time of the Temple dedication in 1 Kings 8:47-50, "Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;⁴⁸ And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:⁴⁹ Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

⁵⁰ And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them.” Ezra 9:15, “O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.” Psalm 25:11, “For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.” When Simon wanted to buy God's gifts with money and Peter pronounced a judgment upon him, Peter also told him to pray to God for His forgiveness in Acts 8:22, “Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.”

Last, but not least, we pray for peace. When I am talking about peace, I talk about both spiritual and physical peace. 1 Timothy 2:1-2, “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; ² For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” In February 2011, the official result of a referendum in South Sudan indicated that South Sudan would likely become the world's newest and 196th country. There are 192 member countries in the United Nations, while Vatican City and Kosovo are not member countries. Out of these countries, 49 countries are currently in wars according to Wikipedia. In other words, almost 25% of the whole world is involved in wars one way or another. Though some countries are not in war, there are oppressions and cruel dictatorship that take away the freedom of people at the wills of the rulers in many other countries. People are suffering in so many parts of the world without peace. Therefore, it is extremely important for us to pray for our peaceful life. Jeremiah 29:7 says, “And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.” Peace does not come without a cost. We may not be able to go out with arms to keep peace in our country, but surely we can pray for the peace of our land. It is not only for the country, but also for ourselves. When we pray for peace, I think it is more than appropriate to pray for our spiritual and inner peace. Peace may come through prayer. Philippians 4:6-7, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” When we pray for peace, why should we not pray for peace at home? It means that we should pray for our loved ones, especially for family members. I was very touched by reading David's prayer for his son, Solomon in 1 Chronicles 29:19, “And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, *for* the which I have made provision.” How many homes are not peaceful because of rebellious and unspiritual children? We need to pray for our children's peaceful lives. In order to keep peace at home, we need to pray for sanctify of marriage. Hebrews 13:4, “Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” The book of Proverbs has so many references talking about the dangers of sexual sins. Proverbs 5:3-4, “For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil: ⁴ But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.” There are verses encouraging couples to be faithful to each other (cf. Proverbs 5:15-23). Fidelity and purity in marriage bring peace to families. We ought to pray for such peace in our homes. Consider how many homes and families are broken up by infidelity. Let us pray for peace for ourselves.

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Fri 03 June	No Young Adults Fellowship		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 04 June	3:00pm	Trinitarian Bible Society Conference Mr. Roland Burrows	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen	<u>TODAY: 29/05/2011</u>
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: John
Text	TBC	TBC	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Joy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Eld Chew will be leading a discussion on "<i>Casual Labourers - living with the story.</i>" • Basic Bible Knowledge: There will be no BBK course this week. • No Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study this coming week. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's Father. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Margret, John, Sharon & Tobias, Jonathan, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Daniel & Maureen. • Pray for those seeking employment: Evelyn • Pray for those currently having exams: Matthew, JiaYun, Justin, Daniel • Trinitarian Bible Society Conference: Saturday 4th June 2011, 3pm - The Authorised Version: The Treasure of the Church and the Nation - Mr. Roland Burrows • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 5th-7th July 2011 			Ushers: Yetta / Constance
			Sunday School: Joy
			Lunch: Joy
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Lee-Wei
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 05/06/2011</u>
			Chairman: Eld Chew
			Organist: Joy
			Pianist: Anthony
			Ushers: Yetta / Evelyn
Sunday School: Joy			
Lunch: Constance			
Washing Up: Volunteers			
PA Crew: Lee-Wei			
			MEMORY VERSE
			Last Week
			<i>"The LORD is my shepherd ; I shall not want."</i>
			Psalm 23:1
			This Week
			<i>"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."</i>
			Psalm 23:2
			Next Week
			<i>"He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."</i>
			Psalm 23:3
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 74			
Q: What is required in the Eighth Commandment?			
<i>A: The Eight Commandment requireth the <u>lawful procuring and furthering</u> the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.</i>			
<u>Proofs:</u>			
Romans 12:17, Ephesians 4:28			