

Pastoral Letter for 4 February 2022

Dear Friends,

We've just stepped into a new month and children and teachers are going back to school. After the disruption to school and family life over the past couple of years, we pray that the children will have a school year without disruptions. We pray for all teachers from Pre-School to Year 12 as they adjust to the restrictions and regulations they need to follow. We remember too, the parents as they resume either going into the office or working from home, without the added stress of home-schooling.

We are thankful we can once more see family and have a cuppa with a friend at the local shopping centre. The Pandemic is still with us, and we need to be vigilant. I'm isolating at the moment, as someone in my area where I live, tested positive on Sunday and we've been advised to have a PCR test. We wonder when this will all stop but, in the meantime, we need to remember our masks, keeping our distance when out shopping or in a crowd, and being mindful of others who are more vulnerable than we are.

On those days when we feel frustrated, and tired of all that is happening around us, let us remember that God is with us, and he alone understands our feelings of frustration and tiredness. We read in Lamentations 3:22-23 (English Standard Version)

**²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.**

[Maranatha! Singers - The Steadfast Love of the Lord - Bing video](#)

[GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS \(With Lyrics\) : Don Moen - Bing video](#)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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My prayer for you this week is that you will find comfort and peace in the words of these songs. Comfort in knowing that God is faithful, and an inner peace that endures forever.
Amen

Love and blessings,
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A new day dawning – great is His Faithfulness