

"LET US REBUILD" - PRAYER GUIDE

We invite you to use this prayer guide each week in preparation for DMC's "***Let us rebuild***" weekend on the 24&25 November. The guide is inspired by the five "***Let us***" invitations in Hebrews 10:19-25. These "***Let us***" exhortations are the appropriate response to what God has done for us, which the writer outlined in the previous chapters. So maybe it would be good to read the earlier chapters if you haven't been able to follow the current sermon series on Sundays.

This prayer guide is made available each week via the bulletin and also on our web page.

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LET US DRAW NEAR TO GOD!

*"Let us **draw near** to God with a sincere heart in full **assurance** of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to **cleanse** us from a guilty conscience and having our **bodies** washed with pure water (Heb. 10:22).*

What stops us entering into God's presence? Maybe we feel guilty or unworthy? But Jesus, the great High Priest, has taken care of that. We've been washed with pure water. He has opened the door into God's inner sanctuary for us (c.f. 19-21).

Yet often we are still hesitant, or we procrastinate, or we fill our lives with excessive business. Do we feel we need to prove our worth through constant busyness? Is there deep within us a lack of assurance? Why? Are we too proud to believe we are loveable and forgivable? Or do we want the mercy of the High Priest but balk at the idea of Christ as King, worrying that His commands will be too burdensome? All this can be washed away.

- If you are burdened with guilt find a cross, draw one if you have to, hold it and then read 10:19-22 slowly. Remember or imagine your baptism - Jesus washing you with pure water. He hasn't stopped. Let him wash you again.
- Ponder these words "*Without faith it isn't possible to please God. Those who come to God must believe that he exists. And they must believe that he rewards those who look to him*" (Heb. 11:6). It pleases God when we surrender to the truth that God delights in us. What is it you seek from God? Ask (cf. Mt. 7:7-12).
- Are Jesus commands burdensome? (See Mt. 11:28-10)