



Cornerstone Prison Church

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame."

1 Peter 2:4-6

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EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

GOD'S BLESSINGS

Psalm 77:11-12

I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

January 20, 2021 is the inauguration of our 46th President of the United State. There will be a ceremony on the steps of the capital in Washington DC at noon Eastern Time. May we take time to reflect deeply upon our providence from GOD, After all, this country was founded only because of GOD's blessing and grace.

We all have a tendency to take our blessings for granted. We begin to believe that the world is centered around our wants and needs; and in this we show our ingratitude and selfishness. In fact, sometimes we even come to the determination that we are owed these things. We fail to realize that all blessings come from GOD only because of HIS mercy and grace. We deserve nothing, but GOD, in His great love for us, gives us all we need and so much more.

1 Peter 2:13-17:

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

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Remember also that God asks us to respect all leaders in authority over us. So on this upcoming Inauguration Day, may we all join in prayer and reflection for our country and the newly elected officials. We should praise and thank GOD for all the blessings HE has given us personally and as a nation and for the freedoms we have in this country.

The very fact that we can praise GOD openly is a blessing. Pray for the people who are not free to worship openly, but are persecuted for believing in Christ. Pray for all the people in the world that do not have the simple basics – food, water and shelter: who do not take these things for granted, but need them for survival. Pray for those who live under harsh regimes that don't really care about the people they govern.

We take so much for granted – so I urge you to take a day and spend it with GOD and let the HOLY SPIRIT guide your prayers and reflection. Then, maybe, you will have a better appreciation for all that GOD has blessed you with and more love and empathy for your fellow man. Also prayer for our elected officials that they may govern with the Holy Spirit guiding them. True leadership comes from God and is a blessing.

Cornerstone Continues...

The Ambassador board has been actively working to find a new pastor for Cornerstone Prison Church. We put an ad in the November issue of the Banner, from that add we received four reply's from men who are interested. We have interviewed them and are looking to set up a second interview for some and possible entrance into the prison to meet the men behind the walls of this church.

We ask for you continued prayers for God's leading in the man or men who will fill this role of Pastor of Cornerstone Prison Church. We covet your prayers for this process.

Gord Dyk has been trying to fill the role that Pastor Doug held in a limited fashion. The prison only allows about 8 men who are classified as clergy come in from the outside to lead bible studies and hold worship. No other outsiders are allowed in at this time and we do not know how long that will continue.

Gord has bible study on Monday nights with about 12 to 15 guys attending, an inmate leads this at this time. He has also been going in on Wednesday afternoons for one-on-one time with some of the inmates who have fallen away from coming to church services. Friday nights are designated for the worship service. We have had some inmates who are elders on the council lead worship and we have also used sermons from various pastors who have graciously recorded sermons for us to use from the area.

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