

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Psalms 33:12

FROM THE EDITOR

Every month we are learning the origin of the month's name and this month is named after the first Roman emperor Augustus Caesar. The name August is derived from the Latin word "Augustus", which means vulnerable, noble and majestic.

In this month, we are going to celebrate the diamond jubilee of our independence day. Yes, it's been 75 years since we got our independence.

On every independence day we will be remembering and honoring the freedom fighters who did a great sacrifice and got us independence. Same way, it is also important to think about our God because when all the human kind were tied up with the chains of sin, our God sent his only Son as a sacrifice for us and let us free from all our sins.

So, in this month, let us all check ourselves whether we are really independent from sin and if we are still burdened by sins, let us cast all our burdens to God and He'll take care, as the verse Psalm 55:22 says, "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken."

Let us all have an independent month!

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Pastor's Greeting

Greetings to you in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The word Vanakkam means "Vanangu" "Bow Down". We use to say vanakkam to parents, teachers and Guru. This Culture is slowly going down.

But for Christian's it is a very important virtue. Our Elders and others expects us to say "Vanakkam" "thothiram" to then. When I go for visit, the elder's in the family ask their children to say vanakkam to Iyya. Then only the children greet but in some houses children's automatically say vanakkam. That means their parents used to practice it in their day to day life, by using them their children have learnt that practice and have trained themselves to do so, especially in the Christian families it is a very important quality.

Once I visited a friend's house, there I saw a different scenario, when their children were leaving their house they simply touch the elderly person feet who is sitting in a chair as they go out.

In another house, I saw all the children go to their mother to take a cross on their fore head before leaving. In doing vanakkam we have divine vanakkam, Spiritual vanakkam, formal vanakkam, friendly vanakkam, Respectable vanakkam out of this people identify us and evaluate us. Be faithful, truthful, witnessful, fearfully saying Vanakkam to your Elder's, guru and parents.

When Paul writes letters he starts the letter with greetings. Meaning entering into Other's heart with ease. When you say vanakkam surely Whoever it may be, they will accept you and admit you. Then all your dealings will also become easy and happy. In the church, the pastor asks us to share "peace" among people. What it means is saying Vanakkam Or shaking hands leads us to together.

Togetherness is strength of the church, Strength of the society, strength of the nation.

This is the things that church and pastor's are doing. If you understand in your inner heart, you will become real Christians, be a Christian, be a worshipful person and be worthful person.

- Yours lovingly,
Rev. Dr. Y.Silas Gnanadoss

Dear God, You are the powerful, loving, merciful and everlasting God from the creation of the world to the end.

Thank You for the food, cloth and shelter; for being with us all the times; for all the happy moments; for all the lessons in the hard times.

We surrender ourselves to You and we need You. Please forgive our sins and accept us; stay with us in the upcoming days; guide us as per Your will. Thank You for hearing this prayer.

Amen



International Youth Day

International Youth Day is a great time to celebrate and learn to appreciate the next generation – as well as the future of humankind, by getting onboard to celebrate International Youth Day!

History of International Youth Day

Youth Day presents an opportunity for every country to assess their investment in and commitment to youth, as well as general education (both of and to youth). Endorsed by the United Nations in 1999 after a recommendation was made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, the first International Youth Day took place in the summer of 2000. Although its purpose was certainly meant to inspire and encourage leaders of countries to be aware of issues related to youth, its sentiment can be passed down far away from

political leaders and into the culture of each land's up and coming generations. That means that International Youth Day should not only be engaged at a global level and national level, but also at a local level. And this can be done by the people who know and love the youth of their communities. International Youth Day is meant to empower young people to participate in public life so that they are prepared and equipped to contribute to society's development all around the world. It's time to celebrate International Youth Day!

How to Celebrate International Youth Day?

Celebrating and enjoying this day has everything to do with the awareness of the difficulties youth face today as well as working to help solve these problems for the leaders of tomorrow.

Below are some of the youth leaders in the Bible that we can look up to

The Prophet Jeremiah	Jeremiah was only around 17 years old when God called him to minister to the people of Judah.
Samuel	Samuel would have been around 12 or 13 when God called him to ministry. The Bible says that the “word of the LORD was rare in those days.” God didn’t speak frequently to His people – so infrequently, in fact, that despite being called to help in the temple, God had to call out to Samuel three times before he recognized His voice.
King David	David was anointed by Samuel when he was in his teenage years (though estimates range from 10 years old to as old as 25). Like many of God’s people, David was far from perfect. Far from it. Yet David was called “a man after God’s own heart.”
Daniel	In his teens, the Babylonians took him captive and placed him in a three-year Babylonian education. The Babylonian culture attempted to stamp out any previous Israelite identity he had. Still, he stood his ground and refused to eat the food presented to him, which would defile him (Daniel 1:8). Upon risk of death, he refuses, but the Lord rewards him for his faithfulness. He ends up affecting change, and the entire palace diet shifts because of him (Daniel 1:16).
Shadrach Meshach Abednego	Known also by their Hebrew names of Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, they also accompanied Daniel in the Babylonian captivity. But they get their own spotlight when King Nebuchadnezzar decides to force his kingdom to bow to a 90- foot statue of himself. The three friends show great bravery and faith, refusing to buckle to societal pressures. Even when the king gives them another opportunity to worship him, they assert that God will save them from a fiery death. But even if he doesn’t, they'll stand resolute in their faith (Daniel 3:18).
Ruth	Widowed in her 20s, Ruth must have felt heartbroken and helpless. But she continued to remain faithful, helping her mother-in-law by working. God provides a husband and an inheritance for her broken family.
Esther	In her teens, Esther saves her nation. Facing death herself to confront the king, she ends up reversing a law intended to wipe out her people. Esther proves that teenagers can change the world for God’s kingdom, even when the world seems to want to wipe out that same kingdom.

"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them.’ (Eccl 12:1).

DOING YOUR PART

Understanding Our Part

Am I doing my Part? At some point in our lives all of us come across this question with no real answer. It doesn't matter when we start asking this, most of us struggle to find a place for ourselves either by fitting in with the ways of the world or by acting with our free will and never getting a satisfactory answer. Let's look at this Bible verse

Colossians 3:23-24 *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."*

From a personal take all that is living is made for the sole purpose of Praising Lord our God and Build towards Heaven till his Kingdom come, regardless of how we're doing it when one's Living in Christ we are already being used for His Purpose.

Building the Biggest Vessel Yet

Knowing and recognizing oneself is Spirituality at the most, God's Eternal Love and Peace to have this and to share His Grace with the each and every human is what Every Christian wants the most at the end of the day, to build towards this Kingdom; His Kingdom, the vessel needs to be built, For that Humans, who all have a different perspectives, Talents and a different Free will of their own work towards the one True Purpose which is to make sure The Lord Almighty's Love is known and shown to all. How do we do this despite our differences, Let's look at this Bible verse

Philippians 2: 2,3 *"then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,"*

Also a common verse we remember when God gives us Trials with our Boss/ Teachers,

Galatians 6:9 *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."*

Although we may not immediately see the reward for our good doings, they will come. Perseverance is key. And remember why we're doing what we're doing for the Glory of our one and Only Living God.

To Build and to Sail a Vessel needs people of various skills and talents, Not everyone can be a Navigator, not all can be a Shipwright, not all can be a Foreman. A Vessel to be built from the scratch till its out in the sea needs a 1000 small tasks to be perfected by 1000's of more people, Unless **We all are Accepting and Being true to our Part** that we are trusted with, either that Boat is not moving or we're all Sinking in the Middle of the Sea.

We are all aware of how big of a Role Moses played in Building God's plan for Israel, but not all of us are destined to be Moses, sometimes we are given the part of Jethro who was the father-in-law of Moses. In Exodus 18, Moses was overwhelmed with his task to lead Israel. It seemed like everyone who had a problem came to Moses to mediate them but in Exodus 18:13-27 Jethro's wise suggestion for Moses to divide his labor into tens, fifties, hundreds, and thousands to reduce his leadership burden and delegate responsibility to the people of Israel. Jethro said if Moses followed his suggestion, *"God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace"* (Exodus 18:23). Moses obeyed which allowed him not to be held up with trivial matters but rather have a better system where they work themselves out. This is a leadership structure followed by most businesses and governments.

Conclusion

At the times we feel like giving up is exactly when you shouldn't, and at the times when you feel the most far away from the Herd is exactly when you should scream from the bottom of your Heart for the Shepherd always knows his Herd. At one point I asked myself, am I even good enough to preach these words to others? Am I good enough, I'm a sinner myself shouldn't I just work of fixing myself first?

And God spoke to me, "Do your Part Son"

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MATCH THE NUMBERS

1.Number of years Israel spent in Babylon	a.Number of days between resurrection and ascension of Christ
2.Number of people appointed by Absalom to run before him	b.Number of people appointed by Jesus, to go ahead of him in every place
3.Number of tribes of Israel	c.Number of cities given to Levites as the cities of refuge
4.Number of years Israel wandered in Desert	d.Number of people appointed by Adonijah to run before him
5.Number of days spent in creation of everything	e.Number of apostles for Jesus Christ

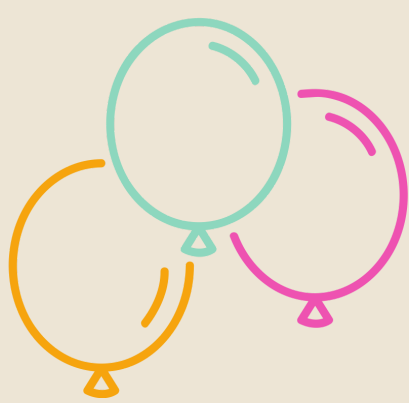
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THE SYMBOL OF LOVE



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

--SWETHA CAZIA C



MEME



--NESTOR KEVIN

THE LOVE OF GOD

God is in our hearts,
God is in our mind.
Love breaks down all barriers,
And God is always with us.

Love of God, makes you happy,
When you go through worried trials,
Broken hearts and pretended smiles.
Just look above and ask the Lord,
How much this pain can I afford?

If you have troubles anywhere,
God wants to hear from you in prayer.
Just ask Him, what you must do,
For He is love and God loves you!

--FLORA DAVID