

*"Say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.'"*

**Isaiah 35:4 NIV**



## FROM THE EDITOR

As we have been seeing how the name of each month has been derived, May is no different. It has to have a divine antecedent, it has got its name from 'Maia' the Greek goddess, in the Roman tradition she is referred to as the earth goddess of springtime.

Across the world the month of May is known for International Labour's day, for the month opens with this date. The day has its origins in early labour struggles in the USA where people fought for rights. It was in the Haymarket riots in Chicago in 1886 where the fight for an 8 hour working day was made, today the world is even progressing towards a 4 day working week. Talking of labour, we just celebrated Easter and 3 days prior in Good Friday services across the world it was spoken how Salvation dripped from every drop of blood that Christ shed from his body. The pain, bruises, gnashes, cuts and insults that he took on him, that we could cast away our burdens and embrace the freedom that he got for us with his life as ransom.

As young men and ladies having tasted this freedom it is important that we exercise this unencumbered life for the benefit of all, when the sun would be scorching the earth under mankind's feet be the cool breeze that would bring a sigh of relief in people's life. Say the kind word, extend the helping hand, mouth a concerned word of prayer, be the moral strength of those wilting. Put the spring back in people who are burdened with labour.

## Pastor's Greeting

**Greetings to you all in the sweet name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

By our Lord's help we have entered into the month of May. Usually the month of May is holiday to most of us, where we spend our time in learning, listening and longing for the Lord.

I would like to advice all of you to learn about God, learn about the society, learn new language and learn new culture which is availed in our midst. By doing this let our light shine in the world as he said in John 8:12,

**"I am the light of the world".**

In the same way listen to the good news, good songs and try to listen to different sounds of nature around our places and laud the Lord for his wonderful creation. Listening is a good habit surely out of this our knowledge, mind, thinking will grow. So we must try to listen to everything around us. Many time we give importance to appearance, but listening is also liable.

Finally I would ask all of you to long for the Lord. Our life is given by our Lord to understand Him and worship him. Hence David says in Psalms that his heart is longing for the Lord.

This kind of longing must be practiced especially in this time so that we can align ourselves in a loving way by leaning on to the lap of the lamb of God. It will help us to save us from the people who lies, but only our Lord and the lamb of God will lead us to eternal life.

So we must leisurely learn all the things around us in the month of May for the glory of God.

**May God bless you all.**

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

# My Family! My Family!



**May 15th is celebrated as the world family day** all around the globe and was established by the united nations to highlight the importance of families. This day is also a supposed reminder to shows how valuable the members of a family are in a person's life.

## What is called a family?

It's a group of people united by the ties of marriage or by blood usually comprising of spouses, parents, children, and siblings. A family is totally different from a household accommodating roommates/ guests sharing a home and this difference can be evident from the bonding and the love that is seen among the members of the family.

Apart from being related by blood , a family is much more than that. They can offer support and security and comfort coupled with unconditional love . They will always look to see and bring out the best in you even if you cannot see it for yourself .

## What is the importance of a good family?

A good family teaches good values (both spiritual and day to day) and essentially reciprocates peace and harmony not only among themselves but also with others. A family is also a primary source of learning and paves a good way for the upcoming generations , thus making the society a better place. Above all , the members of the family serve as a source of moral support and help people achieve extraordinary things in life.

## Why family is called social institution?

As a social institution, family influences individuals but also communities and societies at a large scale. Family is the primary agent of socialization, the first institution through which people learn about spirituality, values and roles. Like society as a whole, family as a social institution is not stable.

### **Acts 16:31-34**

And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God."

### **Proverbs 1:8**

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

### **Exodus 20:12**

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Family is at the center of God's plan for the happiness and progress of His children. Families are precious to God because He created man in his own image. Families are a means of keeping the earth populated and being caretakers of all that God placed on the earth.

Let's all pray to god to keep our families healthy and happier to make the earth a better place and spread the word of god.

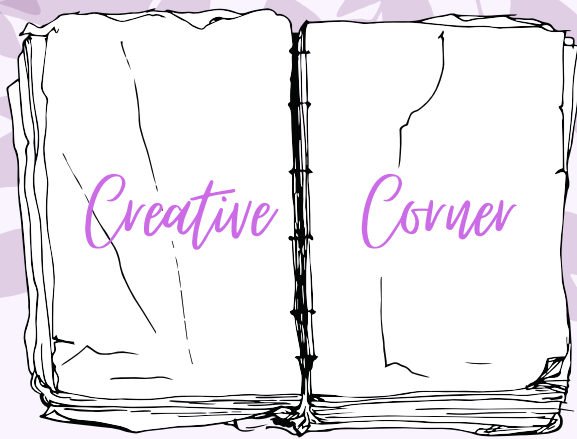
## A small Prayer for Your Family

Lord, bless my family and children. Give my family the strength to not be afraid. Give them the courage to stand up to what is right. give them an attitude of integrity, giving their lives to giving you glory. Protect each family member under the shadow of your wings. Lord, help us to find our strength in you. Increase our unity and peace as we seek to follow after you. Amen.

- **Jerin Reshmon**







### Our Church, Our Pride

From singing "This the Day"  
To singing "Picked me up from the miry clay"  
From being guided by Sunday School, VBS teachers  
To becoming Sunday school, VBS teachers  
From listening to the experiences of our seniors  
To sharing our experiences with our juniors  
From preparing for internal inspections  
To clearing the world's temptations  
From getting rewards from our teacher  
To getting rewards from our heavenly master  
From putting our hands up to answer the verses  
To putting ourselves in front of our Lord to use us  
This Church has always allowed us to grow  
Giving each of us a platform to glow  
St. Peter's Church is always our pride  
Thank you everyone for standing by our side.

### Changes

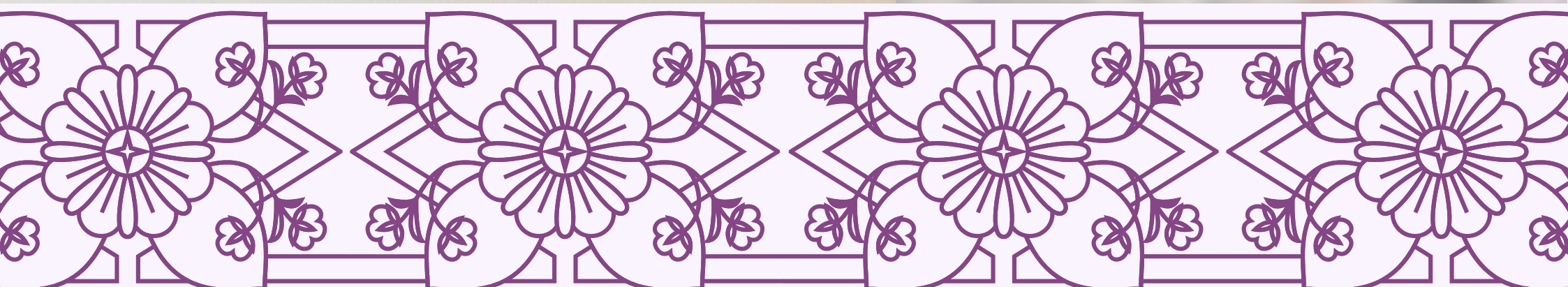
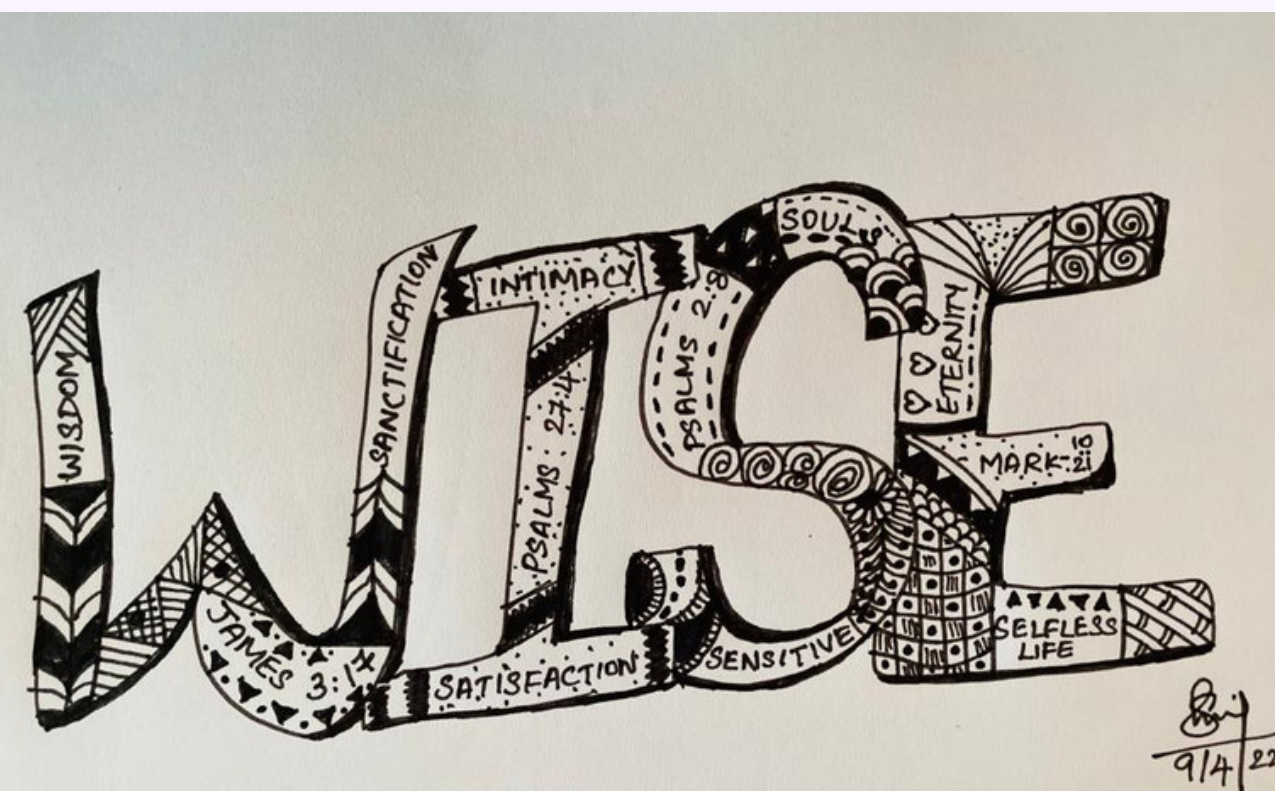
Tik Tok Tik Tok  
Time is running out  
Tik Tok Tik Tok  
says the apathetic clock  
The only sound in my head  
  
Relieving all the things they said,  
"Oh GOD! where did it all go wrong?"  
A snuffle as I wipe the tears with the  
repeated song,  
"Let me change one thing, Please!"  
Nothing but silence  
  
Tik Tok Tik Tok  
That was just a simple cut,  
Tik Tok Tik Tok  
Make the things right from here on out.

- Ashwin J



### KNEELING POINT

God, as the heat belts down and breaks the will of people, be with them and cover them with your shade to withstand the heat and any ailments it may cause. Let the cloud drop its dew so that we are refreshed. We pray for those who are going to undertake examinations, let them cross over as they desire. Shower your goodness on those who took their first step in May and also those who took their first step of togetherness in this month



# Quiz Time

1. பழைய ஏற்பாட்டில் மரித்தோரை உயிர்ப்பித்த இருவர்?
2. இடிமுக்கங்களுடன் மழை பெய்யப் பண்ணின இருவர் ?
3. இரட்டைப் பிள்ளைகளைப் பெற்ற இருவர் ?
4. முதல் கணவன் மரித்தப்பின் ராஜாவுக்கு மனைவியான இருவர் ?
5. வேதாகமத்தில் தங்கள் பிறந்தநாளில், கைதிகளுக்கு மரணதண்டனையை நிறைவேற்றிய இராஜாக்கள் இருவர்?
6. உப்பரிகையின் மேல் நின்ற இருவர்?
7. தாகமாயிருக்கிறேன் என்ற இருவர்?
8. ஸ்திரிகளுக்குள் ஆசீர்வதிக்கப்பட்ட இருவர்?
9. மகா ரூபவதியான இருவர்?
10. வேதத்தில் சிவந்த மேனி (நிறம்) எனக் குறிப்பிடப்படும் இருவர்?
11. கர்த்தருடைய வார்த்தைக்குக் கீழ்ப்படியாததினால் சிங்கங்களால் கொன்றுபோடப்பட்ட இருவர்?
12. குழியிலே தூக்கிப் போடப்பட்ட இருவர்?
13. தங்கள் மனைவிகளை சகோதரி என்று சொன்ன இருவர்?
14. இஸ்ரவேல் வீட்டைக் கட்டுவித்த இருவர்?
15. முகம் சூரியனைப் போல் இருந்த (பிரகாசித்த) இருவர்?
16. முதிர்வயதிலே குழந்தை பெற்ற இருவர்?
17. முதிர்வயதிலே கண்கள் இருளடைந்திருந்த இருவர்?

- Christiya D

## April Quiz Answers

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| 1. யூதேயாவின் வனாந்தரத்தில் (மத்தேயு 3:1)   | 6. பேதுருவும் யோவானும் (அப்போஸ்தலர் 3:1) |
| 2. இரகசியமாக (மத்தேயு 6:3)  | 7. சவுல் (அப்போஸ்தலர் 9:1,2)             |
| 3. பரிசேயரிலும் ஏரோதியரிலும் சிலர் (மாற்கு 12:13)                                 | 8. பவுல் (1 கொரிந்தியர் 16:9)            |
| 4. நாற்பதுநாள் (லூக்கா 4:1)   | 9. 14 ஆண்டுகள் (கலாத்தியர் 2:1)          |
| 5. அவனைக் கடிந்துகொள்; அவன் மனஸ்தாபப்பட்டால், அவனுக்கு மன்னிப்பாயாக (லூக்கா 17:3) | 10. பேதுரு (1 பேதுரு 1:1)                |

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