

# “God Help Us In These Uncertain Times”

## Finding a Way Forward

Wednesday 29 September 2021

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

### Opening Prayer

### Background

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” *Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT*

“But forget all that (is past)—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.” *Isaiah 43:18-19 NLT*

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the LORD.” *Jeremiah 29:11 NLT*

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock. *Isaiah 26:3-4 NLT*

“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.” *Romans 15:13 NLT*

“And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.” *1 Corinthians 15:19 NLT*

“Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand.” *Thomas Aquinas*

We entrust both the present and the future to God. Both are beyond our control. When we are able to accept that reality, we can begin to trust in God. And our faith in God gives us hope, for God will guide us through this and all times. This is always the path forward. And it is a path, a way, a journey, not a simple answer.

### **Questions to Consider**

1. What does it mean to you to trust in God?
2. Some people use the phrase, “I turned it over to God.” Is this the same as trusting in God?
3. Accept, trust, believe, hope. This progression is mentioned above as the path forward. Is that helpful to you? Why? Why not? What do you see as your path forward in these current times if this approach does not help you?
4. What things would most help you as an individual overcome the stress and uncertainty of these times and achieve greater peace?
5. What should the church be doing more of to help us and the entire community move forward and not focus totally on our current difficulties?
6. Are there ways you can recall that God has helped you move forward out of difficult times?
7. What can you do to help others find a way forward?
8. What does prayer do for you in these difficult times?

### **Closing Prayer**