



PRAYER LETTER 47

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Introduction to the prayer

Lebanon is damaged by corrupt dysfunctional political systems creating economic crisis where necessities of life are becoming scarce and unaffordable day after day.

Next to the Great Commission, the mission and task of the church is to be light in midst of darkness, to proclaim Good News to the poor and oppressed (Luke 4:18-19).

The invitation and challenge for the church in Lebanon is how to continue the earthly ministry of Jesus.

How to make Luke 4:18-19 a reality?

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for
the prisoners and recovery of sight for the
blind, to set the oppressed free, to
proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

Prayer

Lord, our leaders are worshipping money and power. They have made wealth and influence their gods. We confess we have allowed hatred, worry, fear, and doubt to overwhelm us, clouding our identity, vision, and faith.

Guide us back into your presence and power. Touch us once again with your grace. Empower us, transform us, and help us to focus only on you.

Lord you have commissioned us to proclaim the good news, to be faithful disciples, to love God and neighbour. To serve and reflect your light and love. To be sensitive towards the hurting and the needy.

God help us remember that you are in charge. Increase our faith especially when everything around us is falling apart. Remind us that you are the rock.

We lift those who are feeling hopeless, remind them that “you will never leave them nor forsake them”. In the midst of darkness let your light shine, let doubt and fear disappear.

We claim compassion and strength for the care-givers: for the mothers and fathers attempting to feed their children; for those in medical services providing wisdom to care for the sick and dying; for the researchers who are creating and making vaccines for deadly diseases.

Lord hear our prayers.

Amen

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