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## Tidtarial

The book of Daniel in the Old Testament depicts the story of three young men who dared execution in a fiery furnace for denying to bow down and worsfip a golden image in accordance with Babylon King Nebuchadnezzer's command. Though the king frad demanded that the execution furnace be freated seven times frotter than usual, fhe was astonished to see the young men coming out unfiarmed. Here King Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged the power of God, even going as far as to make a decree, whereby people of any nation who say anytfing against the God of the Jews are to be killed.

Doesn't this story strike a chord that the faith to which we are called is apparently of this kind in these times too? As the recent events in Iraq, Syria and Libya shock us, we know our time is around the corner for this kind of faith pronouncement or even martyrdom. Are we prepared? Or are we still in the โukewarm stage which Bible declares dangerous?

Personal relationship with Jesus, to begin witf, and continuing through the Sacraments with real assurance of His powerful presence is the way to this sort of fervent faith. This will invoke in us a transformation and dynamism to live for Him and Him alone as we personally experience Him. Abiding in Jesus will ablaze us with His love and power only He can provide.

We have a cloud of witnesses around us who martyred their lives for this faithinJesus. So as St. Paulsays in fis letter to the Hebrews, let us run our race with patient endurance, looking unto Jesus the 'author and finisher' of our faith.

Glory to our LordJesus Cfrist

- Chief Editor


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## LeTTER TO MY LITTLE FRIENDS

## CRACKED POT-IT'S MY LIFE

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole that he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers on your side of the path but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Our dear Loving Father Almighty God tells each one of us that we are very precious to Him. He has a great plan about our lives - it is for our salvation. What we must have is complete faith in the power of Almighty who makes everything right for me and you. Our life is like a pot, sometimes we get cracks in our own pot of life through which our faith and trust leak. We become so sad about those failures but God made the failures as the source of many new lives. That's the greatness of God's love to us. So have perfect faith in God our Almighty Father.

## Yours Sintaachan

## PARISI NEIS AT A GLANCE

## Women power

On the International Women's Day on March 8, our Mathrusangam members staged a street play in Hindi about the commendable roles of women and also for creating awareness in the society about the atrocities against them. Their platforms were Nerul railway station and Raghuleela Mall, Vashi. Congratulations to the participants for their enterprising performance.

## Lenten Retreat

Former Charismatic Director of our Diocese, Rev Fr Varkey Thadathimackal led the Lenten retreat in the parish from March 13 to 15. His lively, spirit-filled talks made the parishioners enthusiastically partake in the retreat. Rev Fr Varkey preached the significance of inexhaustible faith.

## St Joseph's Day

On March 19, St Joseph's day was observed with Holy Mass and special prayers. The feast was celebrated on March 22 with the Pithruvedi members leading the choir and alter service. Dr James Thomas, former Vice Chancellor of DY Patil University conducted a class on diseases of old age in the church. A medical camp was also held for the parishioners on the same day after the Holy Mass.

## Holy week

Starting with Palm Sunday on March 29, the holy week was observed with much devotion and piety. On Maundy Thursday, Parish priest Rev Fr Biju Kollamkunnel did the ceremonial washing the feet of senior citizens of the parish. The main ceremony on Good Friday was the Way of The Cross around the Nerul town. Parishioners joined the solemn procession in large numbers. Easter Sunday night Mass was also celebrated with gaiety and faith.

## AGM

The Annual General body Meeting of the parish was held on April 12. After the submission and passing of the annual report and accounts, the general body unanimously elected Mr E P Devassy as the first trustee and Mr Sanju Thomas as the second trustee.

## Relic installation anniversary

April 14 was the fourth anniversary of the installation of St Teresa's relic in our church. It was observed with solemn Mass, Ladeenj and novena prayer. The reliquary was opened for veneration..

Honour and dishonour come from speaking(Sir.5;13)

## All Saints' Day

April 19 (Sunday) was celebrated as All Saints' Day. After the Holy Mass, the oath-taking ceremony of the new trustees was held in the church. Old trustees Mr Joseph Nilavumthara and Mr CJ Nelson expressed their gratitude for the co-operation and support they received for accomplishing their services. Later, Mr Biju Dominic, CEO of Final Mile Consulting, gave an erudite talk on parenting. This day was also observed as the 17th anniversary of Little Flower Church.

## Choir at MMCA meet

Our choir members sang at the 'Easter meet' of the Maharashtra Malayalee Christian Association (MMCA) held at St.Paul's Marthoma Syrian church, Vashi on April 19. People from various Christian communities were present in the meet.

## The whole WORLD comes together

A young mother was ready for a few minutes of relaxation after a long and demanding day. However, her young daughter had other plans for her mother's time.
'Read me story, mom,' the little girl requested.
'Give mommy a few minutes to relax. Then I'll be happy to read you a story,' pleaded the mother.

The little girl was insistent that mother read to her now. With a stroke of genius, the mother tore off the back page of the magazine she was reading. It contained a full page picture of the world.

As she tore it into several pieces, mother asked her daughter to put the picture together and then she would read her a story. Surely this would buy her some relaxing moments.

A short time later, the little girl announced the completion of her puzzle project. To her mother's astonishment, the world picture was completely assembled.

When she asked her, how she managed to do it so quickly, the little girl explained that on the reverse side of the page was the picture of a little girl.
"You see, Mommy !' she said, 'when I got the little girl together, the whole world came together.'

Compiled by: Aleesha Joykutty,
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I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? (Job.40;4)

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Jose Mathew, Dominic Savio Unit



























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# In search of the right church, faith 

Sheena George, St Mary's Unit.

The spiritual journeys of Protestant-turned-Catholics always make fascinating reading. The story of Scott Hahn and wife Kimberly, evangelical Protestants who converted to the Catholic Church and chronicled their journey to Catholicism in the famous book 'Rome Sweet Home', is one of the most gracious, moving and convincing spiritual expeditions of recent times. Scott's talks and books have been effective in helping thousands of Protestants and fallen away Catholics to come back to the Catholic faith.

A similar inspiring story emerged in Sweden last year when Ulf Ekman announced he and his wife, Birgitta, are converting to Roman Catholicism. Ekman was the founder of Word of Life, a megachurch in Uppsala, Sweden. "A process of many years of prayer and reflection led to this decision," Word of Life Ministry said in a report on its website. Ekman has an India connection. He met and married Birgitta, daughter of a Methodist pastor and his wife and raised in India where her parents were missionaries.

Recently, I came across the writings of Paul Whitcomb, a Protestant for the first 32 years of his life who later became a diehard Roman Catholic. Confession of a Roman Catholic by Whitcomb is simply a graphic recounting of a rather extraordinary spiritual odyssey, a journey which had its finale in the Catholic Church. What was the driving force behind this odyssey? It's nothing else but faith.

For Whitcomb, the transformation is much more than an intimate glimpse of one man's soul. It's the testimonial of one man's faith.

Whitcomb was a through and through Protestant. He was born of Protestant parents -- an Episcopalian father and a Methodist mother. He was baptized a Protestant-Episcopal because his brother before him was baptized a Methodist. He was reared a Protestant and sent regularly to Episcopal, Methodist, Congregational, and Baptist Sunday schools, and enlisted in various Protestant youth movements. His parents were staunch "liberal" Protestants: they believed that one church is as good as another -- so long as it is Christian and Protestant.

He was an avid student of the Bible as he believed that the Bible is the sole Christian rule of faith. "But, as Divine Providence would have it, the more I studied the Bible, and the more I made it my rule of faith, the more I realized that my faith was not wholly what God had ordered. I discovered voids in my religious fabric, voids which had to be filled if I were to know real peace of soul," he writes.

According to Whitcomb, this feeling of spiritual insecurity led him inexorably to a study of comparative religion; and, again, as Divine Providence would have it, the more he studied comparative religion the more he came to realise that the Catholic faith was the one faith that could fill the voids in his religious life, the one faith that could give him the real peace of soul he longed for.

What was his first discovery? The church - Roman Catholic Church - he had been most opposed to was the church most united in Christ. The spectacle of 825 million Catholics, three-fifths of all professed Christians, perfectly, indomitably united in belief, in organization, and in worship - the historical fact that Catholics, consistently the largest body of Christians in the world, have always been thus perfectly united - was evidence he could not ignore, he says.

Whitcomb says in his booklet, "it was quite obvious that Christ did not give this teaching authority to all and sundry, that is, to the whole Church, but only to His duly appointed Apostles, those who were to be the administrative body of the Church." Had He meant that this teaching authority was to be exercised by all of the faithful He would have addressed His words to all of the faithful, or he would have instructed the Apostles to so advise all of the faithful - neither of which He did.

Searching the Scriptures further, he learnt exactly how Christ intended to give His Flesh and Blood for the faithful to eat and drink.. "I found the full explanation contained in the account of the Last Supper," he says. And whilst they were at supper, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke: and gave to His disciples, and said: Take ye, and eat. And taking the chalice, he gave thanks, and gave to them, saying: Drink ye all of this." (cf. Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20).

The bread and wine of Holy Communion, that was it. "The bread and wine of Holy Communion were not mere symbols, or representations, of Christ's Body, as I had been led to believe, but were in very truth
bread and wine miraculously transformed by the power of God into Christ's true and living Flesh and Blood, only the appearance of bread and wine remaining," he says.

Once Whitcomb made up his mind, it did not take him long to make the transition from Protestantism to Catholicism. "And what a glorious adventure it was, too, to become a Catholic, to receive those several weeks of instruction in true Apostolic theology, to make that solemn profession of faith, to receive a Catholic Baptism, to cleanse my soul in the Sacrament of Penance, and then, finally, to receive the living and true Christ in Holy Communion," he says

Archbishop Fulton Sheen of the US, whose cause for canonization as a saint officially opened in 2002, once said that there are not 100 people in the US who hate the Catholic Church, although there might be millions of people who hate what they mistakenly believe the Catholic Church to be and to teach. "Thankfully I discovered I fell into the second category. Because for years I opposed the Catholic Church, and I worked hard to get Catholics to leave the Church. But I came to see through a lot of study and considerable prayer that the Roman Catholic Church is based in Scripture," Scott Hahn wrote after becoming a Catholic.

Whitcomb's study of the doctrines and practices of the various Christian churches revealed most clearly that only one, the Catholic Church, exercises the same kind of teaching authority that was exercised by the church of the Apostles and primitive Church Fathers. "Only the Catholic Church functions for her members as an unerring interpreter of God's revealed truth. Only the Catholic Church dares proclaim to the world that when she teaches the truths of Christian doctrine, it is Jesus Christ, who can neither deceive or be deceived, teaching through her," he says.
"I had to make a change. In conscience I had to become a Catholic," Whitcomb writes.

Ulf Ekman wrote in a blog, "the Charismatic life, with its emphasis of the power and the leading of the Holy Spirit is necessary, and it is an amazing gift. But it cannot be lived out in its fullness in a schismatic and overly individualistic environment." Understanding this opened Ekman and others to the realisation of the necessity of the Church in its fullness, with its rich sacramental life.

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## LITTLE FLOWER BECOMES FORANE GUURGX

In an important milestone in the history of Little Flower Church, Nerul, Kalyan Diocese Bishop Mar Thomas Elavanal has declared the church as one of the 15 Forane vicariates in the diocese. Churches in Navi Mumbai Zone have become part of the Navi Mumbai Forane with Little Flower as the Forane Church.

Rev. Fr. Biju Kollamkunnel has become the Forane Vicar
The Forane system has come into effect from April 30, 2015, which is also the 27 th anniversary of Kalyan Diocese. Churches were earlier grouped under various zones. "After the discussions in Zonal and Pastoral Councils and after due consultation in the Presbyteral Council, we are establishing 15 Foranes and their Forane Churches in the diocese," Mar Thomas Elavanal said in a circular.

A Forane vicariate is a cluster of parishes in the diocese over which a Forane vicar renders the coordination of pastoral activity in order to better provide for the needs of a Forane by improving the efficiency of pastoral initiatives. The canonical duties of the Forane vicar are commonly classified under three aspects: promotion and coordination; vigilance; and support and counsel. "His duty of promotion and coordination chiefly pertains to his responsibility to oversee and assist in uniting the other presbyters in his Forane in a common pastoral activity. This includes all aspects of ministry, including liturgical, catechetical, missionary, charitable, social, cultural, educational, etc," the circular said.

The Forane vicar is also to visit all the parishes of his vicariate, which is to be an occasion of solicitude, assisting the local presbyter in many ways. "According to the Particular Law of the Syro-Malabar Church, Forane vicar gives the permission for the 'Publication of Banns before the Engagement'," said the circular issued by Mar Thomas Elavanal.

# THE POWER OF AN ALPHABET 

Francis Thottunkal, St John Unit
Out of 26 alphabets in English language, the first alphabet 'a', stands alone as well as by forming a word (for example, 'a mango'). Likewise, the 9th alphabet of 'I' stands alone as well as by forming words 'I, my and me'. The alphabet 'I' seems to be the most powerful one. 'I thank u for yr msg' is acceptable in today's friendly email and SMS, but such a usage is not acceptable in formal letters.

Let us examine some of the words from 804 words starting with the alphabet 'I' written in the "The Concise Oxford English Dictionary'.

The words 'itch' and 'irritation' are sometimes being misunderstood to be one and the same. But both these words travel on parallel lines. 'Itch' gives an uncomfortable feeling on your skin and makes you want to rub it with your nails. So, it is physical. 'Irritation' is coming out of impatience. So, it can go uncontrollable. The impatience and/or irritation, if not controlled, can even make you an 'in patient'. So, it is mental.

Irrevocable: Capable of not being cancelled/altered of an agreement signed between the parties.

Irreparable: If a damage to machinery that can never be repaired, and a financial loss suffered.

Indemnity: Protection against possible damage or punishment if some valuable original document related to you is lost or damaged.

Interview: The word interview has a wide spectrum of meaning. A meeting in which someone asks you questions to see if you are suitable for a job or course. A meeting in which someone is asked questions for a newspaper article/TV. A meeting in which the police ask someone questions to see he has committed the crime.

Investigation: When officials try to discover all the facts about something especially crime, accident, robbery etc.

Inequality: This word has a burning effect. The inequality originates from certain factors. According to the book "The social psychology and individual values" written by British psychologist W.D. Harding, the value of an individual in the society is based on four factors - birth, education, profession and money (wealth)." This means that although the first three factors are important, the money can make them unimportant. For example, if a rich businessman, who does not have formal education, wants to run his business, he can hire highly qualified persons from anywhere and later, fire them according to his will and wish. Though money is mighty, it doesn't mean that it is above all. Hiring and firing are creation of capitalism.

The words 'l, my, me, mine' are used by a boss frequently.
Influence: Someone or something that has an effect on another person or thing.

Impartiality: Sign of justice. Deuteronomy 16:19 of the Holy Bible says, "You must never twist justice or show partiality. Never accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent."

Injustice: It is denial of lawful rights.
Inadequate: Inadequate space in the magazine restrains to write further.

Information : Information technology not only imparts the knowledge but it has created a non-stoppable revolution also.

## Beloved

Even when I was in deep trouble
I experienced your love in my heart...
You counted all my miseries
Collected my tears in bottle.
You made me cling on to your heart.....
Oh! Love beyond description
I know I don't deserve to be your beloved.

> Compiled by : Darwin Paul
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## S'I'. JOHN BAP'IIS'I DE L SALLE

John De La Salle was born in Rheims, France, in 1651. He was the first son of wealthy parents living in France. At the age of 11 he began to prepare for the Holy Priesthood and was ordained at 27 . He was admired for his great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. At that time very few people lived in luxury, but most of the people were extremely poor. Only a few could send their children to school; most children had little hope for their future. John was asked to help in two schools in which the teachers were trying to educate their
 pupils free of charge. He directed the teachers for four years, and then decided to spend his life with them. John gave away the large fortune his parents had left for him. With the young men he took vows to labour as teachers all their lives, and this was the beginning of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. His enterprises met opposition from the ecclesiastical authorities who resisted the creation of a new form of religious life, to conduct gratuitous schools "together and by association."

The educational establishment resented his innovative methods and his insistence on gratuity for all, regardless of whether they could afford to pay. Nevertheless De Salle and his Brothers succeeded in creating a net work of quality schools throughout France that featured instructions in the vernacular, students grouped according to ability and achievement, well prepared teachers with a sense of vocation and mission, and the involvement of parents. He also started a school for teachers, Sunday courses for working young men, and one of the first institutions in France for the care of delinquents.

St. John died at Rouen in 1719 and was canonized in 1900. In 1950 Pope Pius XII named him patron of school teachers. He is often called "father of modern education."

FAITH FOR ME

Shaun Aaron Abram, Sacred Heart Unit


## What is faith for me?

Faith for me is the realization that there is God and He takes care of me. It is believing, trusting, confiding and submitting myself to the will of God. It is not the hope of something which does not exist. It is the conviction that God is there for me and I have to follow his ways.

## When did I get faith?

I came to know about faith by watching and seeing my parents and near ones. I started joining them and then gradually picked up the tidbits of faith on my own. It was nourished by church, catechism classes, prayer meetings and such activities. It is an ongoing journey that I have to do throughout the life. I think, my purpose in life is to grow in that faith.

## Why should I have faith?

I know that I have come to this world not because of my choice. I also know that not even my parents were sure of me before I was born. In fact, I was gifted to my parents by God. I was an infant and then became a child and now a teenager. I know that, if God willing, I also will become an adult, get old and finally die just like anybody else. I know that my stay in this world is not eternal. I am destined to reach where I am supposed to. For that, I need my faith in my God and His ways.

## How can I show my faith?

I can show my faith by submitting myself to God, His immense love, guidance and forgiveness. I can reflect my faith through my thoughts, my words and my actions. I can exhibit my faith by respecting others, showing affection, behaving nicely, helping the needy and following my inner voice.

## Faith

Faith, a bridge that connects God and us, An invisible bridge that connects,
The bridge became visible
By Jesus the incredible.
It is like a stream that gently flows.
A stream of love for others,
It flows down to eternity,
Where humanity meets divinity
It is precious like a diamond,
A diamond that shines brightly,
A precious gift of God,
A gift to have it forever and ever.
It is nothing but assurance of our hope,
Nothing but conviction of invisible,
A conviction of humanity,
That keeps God and us together.

## Congratulations

## BIBLE QUIZ WINNER <br> (Mar - Apr 2015)

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If we love one another, God lives in us.(IJn.4; 12)
In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself (2Cor.5; 19)





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## Eucharistio milipaclo

Pope Gregory was a witness to the following miracle in AD 595．It was the custom in those days that the bread used for the Eucharistic Celebration was prepared by the faithful themselves．Pope Gregory was celebrating the Holy Mass in St Peter＇s Basilica．In the line for receiving Holy Communion there was one lady who helped to prepare the host．At the time of receiving the Eucharist she began to laugh loudly．Disturbed by this，Pope asked the lady the reason for this appalling behaviour．She said she couldn＇t believe that the bread she had prepared with her own hands had become the body of Christ．Pope refused to give her the Holy Eucharist but prayed for her earnestly．As he opened his eyes，he saw that part of the Eucharistic host had already changed into flesh and blood．The lady， repentant，knelt down and began to cry aloud．Even today，part of the Relic of the Miracle is preserved at Andechs in Germany，at the local Benedictine Monastery．

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St．George Unit．

## A PERFECT GIFT

One day an 11－year old girl asked her father，＂What are you going to get me for my 15th birthday？＂The father replied，＂there is enough time left．＂ When the girl was 14 ，she fainted one day and was rushed to the hospital． The doctor came out and told her dad that she had a bad heart and there was no chance for recovery．When she was lying in the hospital bed，she said＂daddy．．．have they told you I am going to die？＂The father replied；＂no you will live＂as he left weeping．She asked，＂how can you be sure．＂He turned around from the door and said，＂I know．＂She turned 15 when she recovered and came home to find a letter on her bed．It says：＂My dearest daughter，If you are reading this letter it means all went well as I told you． One day you asked me，＂what are you going to get me for my 15th birthday？I didn＇t know then but now my gift to you is MY HEART．＂

Her father had donated his heart．．．

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St．Mark \＆St．Paul＇s letter to the Romans
1．After John was put in prison Jesus went to
2．The person who is put right with God through $\qquad$ shall live．
3．After the last supper，Jesus and His disciples went to Mount of
$\qquad$ －．
4．No longer do we serve in the old way of a written law，but in the newness of the $\qquad$ －．
5．The son of Man is Lord even of the $\qquad$ ＿．
6. are pardoned．
7. $\qquad$ must not be your master，for you do not live under law but under God＇s grace．
8．Jesus asked，Levi son of $\qquad$ to follow him．
9．We have $\qquad$ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ．
10．The scripture says because of $\qquad$ the Gentiles speak evil of God．


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## The Morning

Opened my eyes - 4'O' clock
Opened again-5 'O' clock
Aaa. $\qquad$ .. h .. $\qquad$
What am I going to do so early?
When the sky dark and pearly?
Why wake up so early?
Let me sleep for a little longer
Then I will do the rest of the studies
tick .... tick.....t........ tick tick...
Opened my eyelids........ only 7 O' Clock
Aaa. $\qquad$ h . $\qquad$ ....!
Picked some books filled my bag Brushed my teeth and took a bath Jumped into uniform and my shoes
Thinking quickly to do
Drank some milk and ate some snacks and running to the bus stop
Out came a question. $\qquad$ Where are you
going on this Sunday Morning?

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## Lalson George Chiramel

 Holy Family Unit
















































## ILME IS PREGIOUS

To REALISE the value of one year... Ask a student who has failed in his exam.
To REALISE the value of one month..
Ask a mother who has given birth to a Pre-mature baby
To REALISE the value of one week...
Ask an editor of a weekly
To REALISE the value of one hour.. Ask the friends who are waiting to meet
To REALISE the value of a minute.... Ask a person who missed the train...
To REALISE the value of one second...
Ask the person who has survived an accident.
To REALISE the value of one milli second...
Ask the person who has won the silver medal in Olympics.
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## HEALTH <br> CORNER <br> Kidney Diseases

World Kidney day is celebrated on March 13th to create awareness about health problems associated with Kidneys.

In this column, let us look at some symptoms of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) along with a few dietary modifications that could help those suffering with it.

Chronic kidney disease involves the gradual loss of kidney function
Watch out for these:

* High blood pressure
* Change in urination, including frequency, especially during the night, and appearance of blood in the urine.
* Puffiness in the legs and angles
* Pain in the kidney area
*Tiredness, loss of appetite or difficulty in sleeping
* Headache, lack of concentration
* Shortness of breath, bad breath and a metallic taste in the mouth


## Eat less of these:

Proteins: Reduce the intake of high-protein foods like lean meats, eggs, milk, cheese and beans, consume more low protein foods such as vegetables, fruits breads and cereals.

Salted foods: Lower the amount of sodium in your diet by avoiding products like added salts like frozen foods, canned soups, fast foods, processed meats, salty snacks and canned vegetables.

Potassium: Avoid high Potassium foods like banana, oranges, potatoes, spinach and tomatoes; instead include apples, cabbage, carrots, green beans, grapes and blueberries which are low in potassium.

Don't forget to ask your doctor/dietician to analyse your current diet and estimate the appropriate amount of sodium, potassium and protein you should consume.

According to a study, 30 minutes of walking just once a week helped patients with kidney diseases live longer and also cut their
requirement for dialysis or a kidney transplant.
Remember, kidney diseases are harmful and common, but are treatable. Following a healthy lifestyle clearly helps to reduce the risk of developing chronic kidney disease.

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## Greeting

This story is about a person working in a freezer plant. It was almost the end of the day. Everyone had packed up to check out. A technical snag developed at the plant and he went inside to check. By the time he finished, it was too late. The doors were sealed and the lights were off. Trapped inside the ice plant whole night without air and light, an icy grave was almost sure for him. Hours passed thus. Suddenly he found someone opening the door.

Was it a miracle? The security guard entered there with a torch light and helped him to come out. On the way back, the person asked the security guard, "How did you know that I am inside? Who informed you?" The guard said, "None sir; this unit has about 50 people. But you are the only one who says 'hello' to me in the morning and 'bye' in the evening.
"You had reported in the morning but did not go out. That made me suspicious," he said. Never did the person know that a small gesture of greeting someone would prove to be a lifesaver for him. So do us. Remember to greet when you meet someone, of course with a warm smile. We don't know... that may work a miracle in your life too

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God is love (1Jn.4;8)

## PRAY FROM YOUR HEART

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words" (Matthew 6:7).

Cynthia and her friends were at the café. The last of the plates reached their destinations at the restaurant table that seated ten friends. As each order was placed, the tableful of people expressed their appreciation for how delicious the food looked and smelled, for the tasteful plating, and generous portions.
"Who would like to pray over the meal?" The ten of us gazed around the circle to see if anyone else volunteered. Jokingly, our leader pointed to one individual and said, "Not Charlie. Our meals will be cold before he finally says amen." An undercurrent of light laughter soon settled, and a not-longwinded person asked the blessing over the meal. We'd laughed, but my thoughts turned to how easily we slip into thinking that the value of prayer is in its length (or brevity) rather than its depth.

Jesus told us not to pour out a flood of empty words when we pray. Immediately after that, He gave us instructions on how to pray. We know that passage as the Lord's Prayer. It takes up half a column in my Bible. Plenty of words. So what was Jesus saying?

His point may have been, "Make it mean something," whether short or long. Make it come from the heart, and express the Father's will.

What gives prayer its meat and meaning? Through the verses that follow, Jesus tells us it lies in acknowledging Who God is, expressing our longing for His kingdom, lobbying for His will both on earth and in heaven, thanking Him for providing, asking His forgiveness, and seeking spiritual protection so we can live in a way that pleases Him.

Faith Step: What's one prayer concern you often bring before Jesus? Rather than begging Him to provide a larger home or reconnect your wayward son with faith or help you land a better job, thank Him for how He's already at work behind the scenes.

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## THE BLOOD AND WATER

## Meditation:

Today the Lord said to me, Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul (Diary, 1602).

## Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart as a fountain of mercy for me. As I approach You in confession, I immerse myself in Your mercy with great trust.
(Taken from 'The poem of the Man God' by Maria Valtorta)
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## Thumksyioing...

## Novena To St. Jude

Most Holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly
(make your request here)

- and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.


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## Hold our hands

Faith is a gift of God. A gift that is inherited. We should make use of this gift that we already have with us. Believe in the wonderful charisma that faith can provide us. This belief itself is discovering the presence of gift within us.
"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:-1).

Faith is the conviction that God is there for us. Our ultimate aim is to reach the heavenly kingdom. In our journey there are worldly temptations. But the temptations should not allow us to deviate from the right path. For following the right path we need to know the right path. The right path is shown to us by our family, church etc.

The realization that God will hold our hands during our life journey itself is Faith. While walking along with Him, we need nourishment to get the strength. There are sacraments which nourishes us. But worthy receipt of sacraments help in strengthening us. The Eucharist is the precious nourishment for faith, which is an encounter with Christ, who is truly present in the supreme act of his love, the lifegiving gift of himself. In the Eucharist we learn to see the heights and depths of reality. The bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ, who becomes present in his Passover to the Father: this movement draws us, body and soul, into the movement of all creation towards its fulfillment in God

There are times when the connection gets broken. But we should try to reconnect and maintain it. God is still waiting there with open hands. We need to stretch our hands to establish the connection.

Let us proceed the journey, a journey to our final destination, the heavenly kingdom, by holding our hands with God.

## Bible Verses to Banish Fear

1) We live by faith and not by sight. (2 Corinthians $5: 7$ )
2) Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's Me. Don't be afraid." (Mark 6:50)
3) If God is for us who can be against us (Romans 8:31)
4) "Stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34)
5) "Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine." (Isaiah 43:1)
6) He won't allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. (1 Corinthians 10:13)
7) If anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things. (Philippians 4:8)
8) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light. (John 1:5)
9) But I know that my redeemer is alive and afterward he'll rise upon the dust. (Job 19:25)
10) The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts Him. (Psalms 28:7)

## Bible Verses to Nourish Faith

1. When you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:6
2. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6
3. You know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:3
4. By faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. Hebrews 11:11
5. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

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