

Chaplains Message – August '21

Psalm 46: Vs 1-2

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear.

I think we would all agree that we are living in troubled times.

Hopefully we are over the worst of the pandemic and it comes to an end soon, depending on how/if we continue to observe the rules that are still in place.

It is obvious that fear has overtaken the lives of many people and they are concerned by the chance of another wave of the Virus. Large events, football stadiums are filling up again, schools, universities are returning to their studies which can be a huge concern for some.

To be afraid and troubled by such things is a perfectly normal response.

Jesus said to his followers “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

John 14: V. 1 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the Lord and feed on His faithfulness – Commit your day to the Lord, trust also in Him and He shall bring to pass.

Psalm 37: 3-5.

Prayer for those living in troubled times.

Heavenly Almighty, and Merciful Father, who heals those that are broken hearted, and turns the sadness of sorrow into joy; Let Your goodness shine on all that You have created. Remember those who are destitute, homeless or living in fear of their uncertain future and feel they have been let down and forgotten by their fellow men.

Bless the families and friends of our departed Brethren, especially those who were taken to the Grand Lodge above in the last 18 months, where we know, they are now in Your care.

We ask that You give the spirit of governance, and a sound mind to all in positions of authority and give them the strength to make the proper decisions for those affected by war, and bring peace to bear upon all nations.

We ask that You pour Your blessing on all older people, especially those who are alone, please care for the sick and the afflicted who are suffering from Mental health problems and finding it difficult to function normally every day. Give us guidance, so that we can all be better people and responsible human beings in order to help one another. All this we ask in Your name.

Amen.

Enjoy the relaxation of the rules Brethren and STAY SAFE.