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PRESBYTER'S MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR 2021

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you." (Isa. 54: 10)

DEAR CHURCH,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the outset, I wish you and your family a blessed and Christ-centred new year.

We have entered into another year in the midst of the perplexities and complexities of life. Each year is a gift of God and a powerful reminder of God's unfailing love towards us. While we have a plethora of opportunities to explore life in the new year, it calls for diligence to make the right choices and decisions. God, the giver of life and the source of all blessings, grants us the necessary wisdom to choose what is right in His sight. Remember that God can establish your plans or even dispose them! However, in all circumstances praise God for He certainly has better plans for you "to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future" (Jerm. 29:11).

It is my earnest prayer that our God Almighty guides you in your decisions for yourself and your family. It is important that we remain focussed and undeterred by the external influences which distract us.

As the word of God says, "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet God's unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor His covenant of peace be removed" (Isa. 54:10). Be assured that the Emmanuel God, our Lord Jesus Christ will be with us on mountains and valleys, and His covenant of peace will bind us together, despite our diversities.

To be happy and peaceful, let us find strength in forgiveness and joy in appreciating others. Let us have the humility to admit our faults and the maturity to see the image of God in our neighbours. Let us learn from our past mistakes and failures and tread the path of victory with God on our side.

May the God of mercy and grace accompany us throughout this year.

YOURS IN CHRIST,

Rev. K. James Cecil Victor

Presbyter in Charge

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