

Guidance for Intercessory Prayer for the month of January 2013

'Arise, Jerusalem, and shine like the sun; The glory of the Lord is shining on you! Other nations will be covered by darkness. But on you, the light of the Lord will shine; The brightness of his presence will be with you.' Isaiah 60:1&2

WISH ALL OF YOU A BRIGHT NEW YEAR

A new year has arrived. The people around the world were much disturbed with the rumour that the end of the world would come on the 21st of December 2012, but it didn't happen.

The only hope of us, the Christians, is the second coming of Jesus Christ. No one will know the time that he would come. Hence we must always be on the alert and be prepared to receive him.

"And you too must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him"

The entire mankind received salvation by the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ which opened the doors of heaven. We who belong to Pubuduwa should commit ourselves to the Kingdom of God being aware of the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The official census in 2012 has revealed the fact that the Catholic population is on the decline. In 1989 the entire population of the country was 14,846,750, of which the Christian population was 1,130,600. It was 7.62% of the total population. By the year 2012, the entire population of the country has increased up to 20,263,723 of which the Catholic population is only 1,237,038. This as a percentage is approximately 6%. The Catholics joining the groups advocating Christian Fundamentalism is one of the contributory factors. We the Catholics and more importantly those who are in Pubuduwa should be aware of this danger and pay more attention to this.

We as a congregation that is committed to prayer, should pray for the enhancement of Catholic faith in the world. Particularly, this being a year of faith, we should pray that the people in the world would improve their faith.

Pray that world will witness the Glory of God through the Christians.

Continue the prayer in intercession that you did from 12p.m to 1p.m during the advent. We also request you to utilize time from 6p.m to 7p.m for this purpose.

Ephesians 5:14

"For anything that is clearly revealed becomes light. That is why it is said "wake up sleeper, rise from death and Christ will shine on you"

THE 1ST WEEK

Reading:- Isaiah 60:1-6

Special attention for prayer: For the country [about 20 minutes]

Other prayers

*For Swami thaththa, Diwasiekethuwa, Sahayakekathuwa, Advisory Board, and for all those who take responsibility in Pubuduwa

*For Sanga days held on every 1st Sunday of the month

*For Subandi, Sabandi, Surandi and Sumadicomunities

*For those who are serving in PubuduArayama and PubuduCenters and those who are serving in other related fields.

*For other reasons

2nd WEEK

Reading :-Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Special attention for prayer:- for a fresh awakening in Pubuduwa [about 20 minutes]

Other prayers

*For SangaThaththas and those who take leadership in praise groups

* For Pubudu youth [male & female], students [male&female]

*For the 'praise groups' in other countries and those who take leadership in those

* For those who rule the country

*For the Holy Father, Bishops, Priests, brothers and nuns

*For any other causes

3rd WEEK

Reading:- 1 Corinthians 12; 4-11

Special attention for prayer :-For the SubandiSangaya [20 minutes]

*Pubudu children's community

*For Surandi, Sabandi and Sumadi communities

*For the editors and those who write messages in the 'Walk in the Spirit' magazine and those who work in the press

*Pubudu Publication servicers

*Pubudu Mothers/ Fathers and Family prayer sections

4th Week

Reading:-1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Special attention of prayers :-'Yadumabalakotuwa' Order the devil and pray

Other prayers

*Mothers/Fathers

*For those who are in refugee camps and prisons

* For any other causes