

FOURTH DAY LIFE



Ultreya

April is coming quick and we have another Virtual Ultrreya planned for you!

April 11th, 2021 Lord of grace will be sponsoring the zoom ultrreya from 4pm-6pm.

We are so blessed to have a platform to still be able to host Ultrreyas until it is completely safe to gather in person!

Keep an eye out in your email for the zoom link as soon as it is available.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.

-Matthew 5:6

FUNDRAISING

As always, fundraising opportunities are available through Amazon smile and Fry's food stores





Devotional of the month.

Are you Hungry?

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Most of us do not know what it is like to be truly hungry. We've probably been thirsty after working in the hot summer Georgia (Arizona) sun all day, but being hungry is uncommon to most of us. This verse uses the physical sensation to help us to understand the depth of hunger and thirst He expects us to have in pursuit of righteousness. He's not talking about someone who kind of wants righteousness, He's talking about someone who is seeking righteousness in almost desperation.

I remember being in Haiti several years ago and being around people who had not eaten in a week. Their stomach's ached with the pain of emptiness. A teenage boy bent over in agony because the pain was unbearable. I've never experienced that kind of hunger, but I've seen it. The yearning for food overwhelms the brain. The mind can think of nothing more than finding food to fill the stomach. It is this desire Jesus is talking about but it isn't a desire for food or water but for God.

When Jesus speaks of this hunger and thirst for righteousness, it is about an insatiable desire to please God, to honor Him, and to be close to Him. It is about an all-consuming passion which burns within us to be filled with His presence. Just as one would search out food and water in desperation to survive, so should we search out God in order to live.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Do you realize, your thoughts and actions directly affect your relationship with God? Without the Word in our lives, we cannot function. It is similar to going three days without food or water. Could you work? Could you take care of your family? Could you even communicate with people? Three days without food or water would definitely leave you weak and lethargic. How then do we think we can function without the Word of God - the nourishing food of our soul?

Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." When we put God first, seek Him first, we can't help but be hungry for Him. Blessings follow those who want more than anything to please God. Reflect today on how you can put God first above all else in your life.



AN IRISH BLESSING



May the friendships
you make,
Be those which endure,
And all of your grey
clouds
Be small ones for
sure.
And trusting in Him
To Whom we all pray,
May a song fill your
heart,
Every step of the
way.



Prayers of the Month

Any prayer concerns can be sent to soazviadecristo@gmail.com. You can list them as anonymous or you can say who they are for or from. , let's also continue to pray for everyone. We can all use each other's prayers. Pray for friends, strangers you haven't met yet and even those you will never meet.

