

Echoes of Calvary

Weekly Newsletter - 18 | 10th May - 16th May '2026

Dear family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we continue in this blessed Easter season and enter the **Week of Loving as Christ Loved**. As Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure, He gave them a command that would define the heart of Christian living: to love one another just as He has loved us.

The resurrection is not only a victory to celebrate—it is a love to embody. The risen Christ calls us to reflect His compassion, humility, forgiveness, and grace in the way we live and relate to others.

Scripture of the Week

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." — John 13:34

This Week's Practice: Abiding in Christ

Lifestyle of Jesus: A Life of Self-Giving Love

Jesus did not simply teach about love—He demonstrated it. He welcomed the outcast, forgave sinners, served humbly, and ultimately laid down His life for the world. The love of Jesus is patient, sacrificial, compassionate, and unconditional. It reaches beyond comfort and convenience. It chooses grace even when it is difficult. As followers of the risen Christ, we are invited to carry this same love into our homes, workplaces, friendships, and communities.

This week, we pause and ask:

- How am I reflecting the love of Christ to others?
- Are there relationships where God is calling me to show more grace or forgiveness?
- What would it look like to love more intentionally this week?

The clearest witness of the resurrection is often seen through lives transformed by love.

Events that happened in 20th week (10th May – 16th May) of 2026 to seek the fruit of the Word sown in your daily prayers:

Mother's Day Special Sunday Worship on 10th May'26:

1st Service: Today's worship was a special service in remembrance of International Mother's Day, observed worldwide in honour of a mother's love and sacrifice. In the Bible too, the love of a mother and the love of God are presented as deep and foundational truths.

On this occasion, today's worship message emphasized the power of persistent prayer, the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, and the necessity of sincere and selfless faith that trusts in God without selfish motives.

The meditation was based on the first chapter of Second Epistle to Timothy, focusing on the legacy of faith passed down to Timothy through his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. Their faithful example reminds us that godly faith nurtured within the family can shape generations and strengthen believers to remain steadfast in Christ.

Bible Reading and imp references: 2 Timothy -chapter 1 is read as Bible reading.

- **2 Timothy 1:** Faith heritage and example of Timothy's mother and grandmother.
- **1 Peter 3:7:** Husbands honouring wives as co-heirs of grace.
- **Galatians 4:** Spiritual motherhood and nurturing faith.
- **Malachi 1:6-14:** The importance of honouring God and not being faithless.
- **Luke 1:** Mary's prayer and praise during pregnancy as a model of faith and gratitude.

Key notes from message:

- ✓ True worship is not just singing songs but surrendering your heart fully to Jesus Christ every day.
- ✓ Jesus Christ must become the foundation, protector, shepherd, and guide of your entire life.
- ✓ A sincere faith passed down through parents and grandparents can shape generations for God's kingdom.
- ✓ Prayer must become a daily lifestyle because strong families are built through consistent prayer.
- ✓ Mothers play a powerful spiritual role by praying, teaching Scripture, and guiding children in godly living.
- ✓ Fathers and husbands must lead their families with love, patience, responsibility, and spiritual wisdom.
- ✓ Marriage should be protected through forgiveness, prayer, respect, and commitment instead of anger and separation.
- ✓ Children should be raised with biblical values, discipline, prayer, and the fear of God from an early age.
- ✓ A godly home becomes a place of peace, worship, prayer, and spiritual growth for the whole family.
- ✓ True faith is not selfish or temporary but sincere, selfless, and rooted in God's Word.
- ✓ Believers must meditate on Scripture regularly to develop spiritual maturity and wisdom.
- ✓ Prayer and Bible reading are the strongest protection against worldly distractions and spiritual weakness.
- ✓ Forgiveness is a sign of spiritual maturity and reflects the love of Christ within the family.



- ✓ Generosity and hospitality are marks of a Christ-centred life and should be practiced joyfully.
- ✓ Patience and gentleness in difficult situations reveal the character of Jesus in a believer's life.
- ✓ Christian families should support ministry, outreach, and those who are suffering or in need.
- ✓ Church is not only a place to attend but a spiritual family where believers grow together in faith.
- ✓ Believers should actively participate in worship, prayer meetings, fasting, and ministry activities.
- ✓ Young people should dedicate their lives to God early instead of waiting until later in life.
- ✓ God can use children and youth powerfully just as He used Timothy, Samuel, and Josiah.
- ✓ Spiritual growth requires discipline, consistency, and willingness to obey God's voice.
- ✓ Believers should become true disciples of Christ instead of remaining only admirers or spectators.
- ✓ Faith must be visible not only in church but also through daily conduct, speech, and relationships.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit strengthens believers to overcome struggles, temptations, and spiritual discouragement.
- ✓ Families should pray together regularly to maintain unity, healing, and spiritual protection.
- ✓ Respect, humility, and love within marriage create a healthy and peaceful home.
- ✓ Believers should welcome newcomers warmly and reflect Christ's love through kindness and fellowship.
- ✓ God's Word should shape decisions, attitudes, and priorities in every stage of life.
- ✓ Prayer for church leaders, ministries, youth, and society is an important responsibility for every believer.
- ✓ The church must invest in children and youth ministries to prepare the next generation spiritually.
- ✓ Believers must remain spiritually sensitive and guard their hearts against worldly influences.
- ✓ Real revival begins when people repent sincerely and return wholeheartedly to God.
- ✓ God's grace enables believers to remain faithful even in difficult family and personal situations.
- ✓ A believer's life should reflect Christ through love, purity, service, humility, and compassion.
- ✓ Spiritual heritage becomes powerful when parents live out their faith consistently before their children.
- ✓ Church unity grows when believers support one another through prayer, encouragement, and service.
- ✓ Faithfulness in small acts of service is valuable in God's kingdom and brings spiritual blessing.
- ✓ Believers should seek to influence society positively through prayer, godly living, and acts of love.
- ✓ A surrendered and prayerful life becomes a testimony that draws others closer to Jesus Christ.

2nd / Tri-Lingual Service: The second session of worship was conducted in a beautiful trilingual format with English, Hindi, and Tamil, along with a few Telugu expressions woven throughout the service, reflecting the unity and diversity of the congregation.

On International Mother's Day, the message was an inspirational sermon centred on celebrating mothers and recognizing their God-given role in families and society from a Christian perspective. The sermon highlighted the love, sacrifice, care, and spiritual influence of mothers, and appreciate them as precious gifts from God.



The meditation was based on Book of Isaiah chapter 66, which speaks about God's final judgment and restoration, calling people to sincere worship and pointing toward the future glory of His kingdom. The message reminded the congregation

that true worship comes from humble and faithful hearts, and that God comforts His children with tender love, much like a mother comforts her child.

Bible Reading & imp references:

1 Timothy 1:5- Reference to sincere faith inherited from Grandmother Lois and mother to Timothy.

Proverbs 31:10-31 - Description of the virtuous woman who rises early, serves her family, and is honoured by her husband and children.

1 Corinthians 13 - Description of love's attributes to model motherly love: patient, kind, not proud or rude, forgiving.

Example of Hannah (1 Samuel)- Prayerful mother who dedicated her son Samuel to the Lord.

Mother of Moses - Faithful mother whose faith influenced Moses' upbringing and decisions.

Story of St. Augustine - Illustrates power of persistent maternal prayer transforming a rebellious son.

Key notes from message:

- ✓ A mother's prayers have the power to shape the spiritual future of her children and family.
- ✓ True motherhood is not only caring physically but also guiding children spiritually toward God.
- ✓ Children learn faith first at home by watching the prayer life and character of their parents.
- ✓ A godly mother leads her family with patience, kindness, discipline, and unconditional love.
- ✓ Persistent prayer can transform even rebellious children and difficult family situations.
- ✓ Parents must model Christian values at home because children imitate what they see daily.
- ✓ Love within the family should reflect the love of Christ — forgiving, patient, humble, and sacrificial.
- ✓ Respect and honor between husband and wife create peace, stability, and spiritual growth in the home.
- ✓ A husband should cherish and support his wife just as Christ loves the church.
- ✓ Forgiveness is essential in family life because holding bitterness destroys relationships and peace.
- ✓ Discipline in the home begins with disciplined parents who live by godly principles.
- ✓ Prayer and Bible meditation should become daily habits for every Christian family.
- ✓ Mothers are called to be spiritual intercessors who protect their families through prayer and faith.
- ✓ Generosity, hospitality, and compassion reflect the true character of a Christ-centered home.
- ✓ Children should honor and care for their parents because honoring parents brings blessing and wisdom.
- ✓ Faith passed down through generations becomes a powerful spiritual legacy for future generations.
- ✓ A Christian home should be filled with worship, prayer, Scripture, love, and mutual respect.
- ✓ Believers should never stop praying for their loved ones even during seasons of rebellion or pain.
- ✓ Jesus Christ remains the perfect example of love, patience, sacrifice, and servant-hearted living.
- ✓ Families become spiritually strong when they trust God together through every challenge and circumstance.

Weekly Zoom Live interaction session on Monday 11th May'26: This worship gathering was conducted entirely as an online Zoom meeting, bringing together nearly 90–100 participants from multiple countries, states, cities, and towns into one united time of worship, prayer, and fellowship. The online format enabled believers from diverse regions and backgrounds to actively participate together despite geographical distances.



The event reflected a beautiful spirit of unity among believers joining from various parts of India, including Tirupati, Bapatla, Tadepalli, Rajahmundry, Ongole, Macherla, Vijayawada, Guntur, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Kurnool, Chennai, Khammam, Kadapa, Srikakulam, Araku Valley, Nellore, Gudur, Srikalahasti, and the Rayalaseema region.

International participation included believers connecting online from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Qatar, Maldives, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Uruguay, Bahrain, Oman, United States, and London.

The testimonies shared during the meeting reflected a spiritually connected community of believers encouraging one another through prayer, faith, and mutual support. Participants shared personal struggles, testimonies of healing, family concerns, and experiences of God's guidance and faithfulness, creating a strong atmosphere of compassion, hope, and collective prayer despite being connected virtually through Zoom.

Bible Reading & imp references: Ephesians 4:14

Testimonies and individual prayer requests:

- ✚ **Reyonayshi** – An Intermediate student who requested prayers for her studies, personal life, and shared gratitude for God's protection and deliverance during difficult situations.
- ✚ **Srinika** – An Intermediate student preparing for exams who requested prayer support for success in her studies and future.
- ✚ **Abhishek** – A child diagnosed with brain damage through MRI scans who experienced major recovery after prayers; continued prayers were requested for complete healing, especially for his eyesight.
- ✚ **Yasudasu (Dubai)** – Shared that after moving to Dubai, God blessed him with a good employer, peace at home, and fewer family conflicts through prayer.
- ✚ **Suchita & Indira Priyadarshini** – Requested prayers for their father Vijay Bhaskar after their mother's death in an accident; they prayed for him to become responsible and spiritually transformed again.
- ✚ **Suresh (Kurnool)** – Encouraged believers to attend meetings faithfully, stay rooted in church fellowship, and continue growing spiritually.
- ✚ **Bhumika** – An Intermediate student who requested prayers for her education and personal challenges in life.
- ✚ **Laxmi Durga** – Shared that daily viewing of the ministry strengthened her spiritually; she also requested prayers for peace in her family because of conflicts caused by her stepfather's drinking habits.

- ✚ **Saurya** – Testified that he passed his 10th-grade examinations with good marks through God’s grace and prayer support.
- ✚ **Soumya** – Requested prayers for her elder son’s college admission and deliverance from excessive mobile phone addiction.
- ✚ **Prakash Babu** – Requested prayers for a stable job, financial improvement, and peace in family life.
- ✚ **Vijaya Kumari** – Testified that her younger son received a bank job and requested continued prayers for promotions, transfers, and her daughter’s career and family matters.
- ✚ **Sunil Kumar & Asha Jyothi (Ongole)** – Thanked God for healing from infection-related health problems and shared testimony regarding improvement in employment situations.
- ✚ **Jyothi** – Shared how her family resisted pressure from a local pastor to leave their church and remained firm in their faith and spiritual convictions.
- ✚ **Shravan (Hyderabad)** – A child suffering from epilepsy for seven months whose parents requested prayer for complete healing after limited medical improvement.
- ✚ **Tanu Sri** – Requested prayers for her child’s wellbeing and overall family needs.
- ✚ **Sharan** – Requested healing prayers for ongoing health concerns and physical weakness.

Key notes from the message:

- ✓ The Bible is a believer’s spiritual sword and every Christian should personally read and carry it.
- ✓ Christians should not remain spiritually immature like children who are easily deceived.
- ✓ Spiritual growth requires moving from basic teachings to deeper understanding of God’s Word.
- ✓ Believers should desire spiritual maturity just as children naturally desire growth.
- ✓ Many people trade eternal blessings for temporary worldly benefits.
- ✓ False teachings, manipulation, fake prophecies, and deceptive preaching are dangerous.
- ✓ Christians must test every teaching against the Bible instead of blindly following preachers.
- ✓ God’s Word never changes even though human teachings and trends change.
- ✓ AI and fake digital content illustrate how easily truth can be distorted today.
- ✓ Believers should stay spiritually rooted instead of constantly changing churches and teachings.
- ✓ Spiritual instability weakens faith just like repeatedly uprooting a tree weakens it.
- ✓ The ultimate goal of Christianity is to become like Jesus Christ.
- ✓ True spiritual growth produces love, truthfulness, holiness, humility, sacrifice, and faithfulness.
- ✓ Reading the Gospels helps believers understand Jesus’ character and lifestyle.
- ✓ Christians should reflect Christ’s nature in their behavior and relationships.
- ✓ Spiritual maturity develops gradually through prayer, Scripture, and obedience.
- ✓ Many believers focus too much on worldly success, comfort, and comparison with others.
- ✓ Believers should strengthen and serve their local church instead of abandoning it.
- ✓ Prayer, fasting, Sunday schools, and active participation can revive churches.
- ✓ God places believers in specific churches and communities for a purpose.
- ✓ Christ’s love and unity are more important than denominational divisions.
- ✓ Daily prayer should include asking God to transform us into Christ’s likeness.
- ✓ Believers should live in such a way that others can see Christ through them.
- ✓ Ministry announcements included invitations to gatherings, prayer support, and media ministry participation.

Mid-week Worship on 13th May'26: Today's midweek fasting prayer was a great blessing and spiritual encouragement to all the participants. The service emphasized the importance of faith, prayer, and wholehearted devotion to God, encouraging believers to continually express gratitude, seek God's guidance, and place complete trust in His love, mercy, and protection. The congregation was reminded that God keeps a record of the prayers, sacrifices, and good works of His people, and that He rewards those who diligently walk in obedience and faith.



Bible Reading and imp references: Psalms 34;

Revelation – "I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to their works."

Psalms Chapter 34 – Main passage discussed throughout the sermon.

1 Samuel Chapter 21:13 – David acted like a madmanto escape danger.

Matthew – "Look at the birds of the air..." regarding God's provision and freedom from worry.

Romans – "Overcome evil with good."

John Chapter 3 – "Unless one is born of water and Spirit..." about salvation and baptism.

Psalms 89:37 – Promise verse quoted by Billy about being established like the moon in the sky.

1 Peter – "Redeemed by the precious blood."

Philippians – Paul considering the world as rubbish compared to Christ.

Key notes from the message:

- ✓ God rewards every individual according to their works, faithfulness, sacrifice, and obedience.
- ✓ Every believer's life and actions are recorded before God, and all people will give account to Him.
- ✓ Those who fear God do not need to fear people or circumstances.
- ✓ Believers should constantly praise and thank God for His daily goodness and protection.
- ✓ God continues doing good every moment, including protecting life, health, and daily provision.
- ✓ Prayer and dependence on God are necessary for ministry, provision, and guidance.
- ✓ The ministry requested prayer support for TV programs, social media outreach, and financial needs.
- ✓ God protects and provides for His people even during difficult times, crises, and shortages.
- ✓ Psalm 34 teaches that God hears prayers, delivers from fear, trouble, and lack, and protects the righteous.
- ✓ David's life was used as an example of humility, wisdom, and seeking God's direction in every situation.
- ✓ David acted humbly and wisely before danger instead of using pride, anger, or self-glory.
- ✓ Believers must inquire of God before making decisions or reacting to situations.
- ✓ Prayer helps believers receive God's direction, wisdom, and peace during fear and confusion.
- ✓ Not every situation requires argument, self-defense, or proving oneself to others.
- ✓ Silence, humility, and self-control often reflect Christ more than emotional reactions.
- ✓ Words should be spoken carefully, prayerfully, and with wisdom.
- ✓ Evil should be overcome with goodness rather than revenge or conflict.
- ✓ Christians should avoid pride, competition, worldly behavior, and unnecessary arguments.

- ✓ God's guidance is specific for each season and situation, not based merely on past experiences.
- ✓ Believers should surrender decisions to God instead of depending on personal understanding.
- ✓ God delivers people from fears, troubles, dangers, and spiritual bondage.
- ✓ The sermon emphasized repentance, holiness, and seeking God sincerely through prayer.
- ✓ Families were encouraged to raise children in faith and guide them toward salvation and baptism.
- ✓ Joseph's family testified about dedicating their children to God and encouraging them to choose baptism willingly.
- ✓ The children expressed desires to serve Jesus, live for God, and become faithful Christians.
- ✓ Parents were encouraged to prioritize their children's spiritual lives above worldly success and wealth.
- ✓ The importance of salvation, baptism, and preparing for Christ's return was emphasized.
- ✓ The congregation was encouraged to pray for one another, share burdens, and seek God together.

Friday Fasting Service 18th May'26: Today's fasting prayer was a powerful reminder for Christians to deepen their faith and relationship with God through prayer, gratitude, and spiritual growth. The message encouraged believers to let go of worldly desires and materialism, and to focus on heavenly values and eternal rewards in Christ.



The prayer gathering emphasized the importance of maintaining a disciplined spiritual life through regular prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and intercession for one another. Participants were encouraged to remain thankful, faithful, and devoted to God in their daily lives.

The meditation was based on Epistle to the Colossians chapter 3, highlighting the call to live a transformed life in Christ through holiness, love, gratitude, forgiveness, and godly living.

Bible Reading and imp references: Colossians Chapter 3 – Main passage preached about living a risen and holy life in Christ.

Genesis Chapter 13:2 – Abraham was blessed with silver, gold, livestock, & wealth.

Hebrews 11:10 – Abraham looked forward to the heavenly city built by God.

John 14:2-3 – Jesus promised to prepare a place for believers and return for them.

Matthew 6:33 – “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.”

Galatians 2:20 – “It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”

James 1:26 – A person who cannot control the tongue has useless religion.

Philippians 3:8-14 – Paul counted worldly things as rubbish compared to Christ.

Exodus 32:1-35 – God's wrath came upon Israel when they worshipped golden calf.

Matthew 5:27-28 – Jesus taught that lustful looks are equal to adultery in the heart.

Romans 12:4–5 – Believers are one body in Christ and should live in unity and gratitude.

Key points:

- ✓ True worship must come from the heart and not be limited to rituals or outward actions.
- ✓ Spiritual growth requires sincerity, discipline, and consistent fellowship with God.
- ✓ Mechanical or routine worship without genuine devotion leads to spiritual stagnation.
- ✓ Regular prayer, church participation, and obedience strengthen faith and spiritual life.
- ✓ Believers are encouraged to examine their hearts, faith, and commitment regularly.
- ✓ Spiritual neglect and laziness can lead to weakness, loss of blessings, and distance from God.
- ✓ God desires obedience and action more than empty words or promises.
- ✓ The parable of the two sons teaches that true obedience is shown through actions.
- ✓ Genuine repentance and heartfelt devotion restore spiritual strength and blessings.
- ✓ Prayer is powerful for healing, provision, protection, and restoration in every area of life.
- ✓ Believers should support one another through prayer, encouragement, and unity within the church.
- ✓ Church fellowship is important for spiritual accountability, discipline, and growth.
- ✓ Financial struggles, health issues, and hardships should not stop believers from trusting God.
- ✓ God’s love, mercy, and forgiveness remain available to those who sincerely seek Him.
- ✓ Faithfulness and perseverance are necessary for a strong and victorious Christian life.
- ✓ Spiritual distractions and worldly priorities should not replace devotion to God.
- ✓ Christians are called to live honestly, truthfully, and consistently according to God’s Word.
- ✓ The church community is described as a spiritual family that must care for and strengthen one another.
- ✓ Continuous prayer and dependence on God bring renewal, guidance, and spiritual empowerment.
- ✓ The overall call of the message is to live a sincere, disciplined, prayerful, and obedient Christian life.

Upcoming Events to add in your daily prayers:

- Wednesday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Friday Fasting Prayer — 7:00 PM.
- Calvary Kids time — Saturday, 7pm onwards on zoom.
- Sunday services – 8am and 2pm onwards.
- Get-together, Satyavedu – 19th May 2026
- Get-together, Bengaluru – 28th May

**May the Lord teach you His ways and strengthen you
to walk as Jesus walked! Amen!**

**With love,
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