

## Closet Talk - April 2018

1. CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED! This Resurrection Sunday may we cherish God's amazing love and grace in our lives, and the miracle of New Life in Him. Pray for our Easter Service today.
2. Easter Monday is a holiday for many people. May this be a time to reflect on the goodness of our God, as He sacrificed Himself in order to have a relationship with us. Thank God for your trust in Him and pray your trust will grow day by day.
3. Pray for the Hazel Merritt Group as they gather this evening. Pray for their many projects and their commitment to pray for and learn about our missionaries and their work.
4. Pray for the Family Group as they enjoy a pot luck supper and discussion time for parents.
5. Pray for the preparations for our summer camps and for many children in our community to participate in fun activities together while learning more about God and His world.
6. Pray for Emmanuel's Youth Groups meeting each Friday evening for activities, devotions, and a time to build friendships.
7. Pray for the Kairos training happening in the church today. Pray for this group as they complete their course and share what they have learned with others.
8. Pray for our Worship this morning, that our hearts will be stirred by God's Spirit to embrace His teachings and follow Him with our lives day by day.
9. Pray for the Channels of Blessing Group preparing dignity packs for shelters. Pray for those receiving the packages that they may know someone cares for them in the community and that God loves them.
10. Pray for the Tuesday Food Market in the Fireside Lounge. Pray the food will be an encouragement to those receiving and will help them meet their needs.
11. Pray for the Carpet Bowling Group of seniors that meet twice a week for some recreational time together. Pray for the friendships that are fostered through this group.
12. Pray for the Janzen Group meeting once every two months to support missions. They are a small but mighty group!



13. Pray for the Ladies Morning Out Group meeting Friday mornings for Bible study. Pray their lives will be enriched through their studies.
14. Pray for the Haiti Group meeting at Emmanuel this afternoon to support the work of care in the country of Haiti. Pray for Judith Armstrong and others who lead this ministry.
15. Pray our Worship today will glorify God, and will draw people closer to Him. Pray for the worship teams as they prepare the music and lead us in praise and worship each week.
16. "Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice. But for those who love, time is not." (Henry Van Dyke). Today thank God for the gift of time, and to spend our time to love.
17. "Live one day at a time. You can plan for tomorrow and hope for the future, but don't live in it. Live this day well and tomorrow's strength will come tomorrow." (Charles W. Shedd). Pray you may live this day well. It is a gift from God.
18. "Prayer is the gymnasium of the soul." (Samuel M. Zwemer). Prayer is so important in a believer's life. Thank God today for the opportunity to talk to Him regularly and often.
19. Pray for our English as a Second Language classes today. Pray positive relationships will be built and those attending will consider coming to experience worshipping God.
20. Pray for our preparations for Summer Camps and for volunteers for Vacation Bible School.
21. Pray for the Mandarin Bible Studies meeting tonight. Pray for God to bless their studies.
22. Pray for those who are teaching our children and youth in Sunday School. Pray for their patience and strength and for the students as they learn.
23. "Sentimentality comes easy. But caring is hard - it involves doing." Pray today for something you can do, to show care to a person hurting today.
24. Pray for the Student Dinner Volunteer Appreciation Dinner tonight. Thank God for each volunteer who makes the dinner possible, a gift of hospitality to the students.
25. Pray for the Prayer and Bible Study Group and the Mandarin Prayer Group meeting on Wednesday evenings. Prayer is vital to our church. Thank God for those who set aside time to pray for Emmanuel on a regular basis.
26. Pray for the Knitters Who Care Group meeting once a month to knit or crochet for the community. Pray the gifts of touques, blankets, sweaters, etc. will bless many organizations.
27. Pray for our Youth as they seek to learn and grow in their faith. Thank God for opportunities for them to be blessed by being with other youth in our community.
28. Pray for the Island's Women's Day Away tomorrow. Pray those attending will be blessed by being together.
29. Pray God will make our church a very welcoming place to anyone who comes through our doors. Pray our worship will be a place where people seeking to understand Christianity feel accepted, whatever their appearance or lifestyle.
30. April is a month in which we see the amazing beauty of God's creation flourish before our eyes. Thank God today for His magnificent creation and beauty.