

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Apostle Paul exhorts the Christians in Thessalonica to *pray without ceasing*. Paul knew that God wants His people to take their needs and concerns to Him on a daily basis, trusting and believing that He can do far more than we could ever ask or imagine. During this penitential season of Lent, God's people are urged to return to Almighty God with renewed hearts of faith and trust. We are constantly asking Him to have His holy will in our lives and in the lives of those we love.

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ during the season of Lent, in daily prayer for a specific need or emphasis within our community of faith. Your daily prayer will join with the other members of the body of Christ here at Emmanuel in an unceasing flow of prayers of the faithful before the very throne of God. We know that Almighty God will hear these prayers and will act for the good and blessing of His people.

Let us therefore, *pray without ceasing*, looking forward to the incredible ways He will answer those prayers.

A blessed Lenten Season,

*Pastor Michael McFarland*