

*** GIVE THANKS ***

Thanksgiving Service

WELCOME

We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

James 5:17-18 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Build and consolidate
Nehemiah 2:12

I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 26, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Gracious Lord, in times of uncertainty and fear, I seek your peace that transcends circumstances. Help me trust in your plan and find security in your promises. Quiet my anxious thoughts and fill my heart with your peace that guards my mind and soul. I surrender my worries to you, knowing that you are in control. In Jesus' name, I pray.
Amen.

Image source(s): <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/how-to-pray-for-peace-prayers-for-peace-and-serenity.html>



Sunday 4 October 2026

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our 'must-visit' website



Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

Google Chrome

1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

Mozilla Firefox

1. Open Firefox. Press **Alt-T** on the keyboard and select **Options** from the drop-down menu or go to **Tools >> Options** from the main menu.
2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
3. Enter or paste the URL: <http://rccgbethel.church/> or click **Use Current Page** if you are already on our website.

Microsoft Edge

1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
3. Enter <http://rccgbethel.church/>. (Click the Plus sign to add more pages if required).
4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Do third world countries need prayer or something else?

Text: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Third world countries are those less developed and as we know, they face several issues, many of them arising from corruption and selfish political ambitions. They include chaos resulting from incoherent policies, lack of infrastructure, good health care and so on. Our topic today is to consider whether they need more prayer or if an improved intellectual and mental capacity of citizens could be more helpful in resolving these problems? They may elect better leaders for example.

There are some things to bear in mind. Spiritual foundation is core, but scriptures also support the necessity for intellectual understanding based on God's wisdom (Psa 127:1; Pro 14:32-34; Hos 4:6; 1 Tim 2:1-2; Pro 24:3-4; Exo 31:2-5). Joseph helped Egypt prepare for famine because of God's wisdom and not Pharaoh's intelligence (Gen 41:33-36). God wants us to expand our intellectual capacity (1 Chr 12:32).

Hard work is also essential and so is the ability to take the right decisions at the right times (Jas 2:17; Pro 21:5). But that relies on our strength rather than wisdom which brings success (Ecc 10:10; 1 Cor 1:25). And prayer works, but not without works or substance. If you're not getting expected results (Matt 7:15-20), check that your prayers are aligned with God's will (Jas 5:16; 1 Chr 12:32).

For example, at one time, God said "Strike the rock..." (Exo 17:6). Another time, it was "Speak to the rock...", but Moses struck the rock instead and paid for his disobedience (Num 20:8-12). Do we listen carefully / understand God's instruction to us? We must know the answer may not come in the shape and manner we want. At one time, Joseph was revered in Egypt, but there was a time when his descendants were despised because the current Pharaoh didn't know about Joseph (Exo 1:8).

Also, developing countries are often judged harshly and most have the wrong foundation (Psa 11:3). That takes a long time to get rid of. So, we must continue to pray for God's help. For one thing, we may notice integrity and accountability is strong in developed nations. That's why they're thriving (Pro 14:34; Matt 15:8). It may seem nothing's working as we hope or want right now, but we can trust God hears us.

Bottom line:

There's nothing prayer cannot change. So, however many of us are praying to God on behalf of the third world nations, if we're right standing and praying in line with God's will, we can be confident our prayers will be answered in due season (Jas 5:16-17).

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