

FirstRedeemer CHURCH

Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 15

Class for Nov 15, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Start Recorder

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Oct 4, 2026.* *Romans Ch 9*
- ✓ *Oct 11, 2026* *Romans Ch 10*
- ✓ *Oct 18, 2026* *Romans Ch 11*
- ✓ *Oct 25, 2026* *Romans Ch 12*
- ✓ *Nov 1, 2026* *Romans Ch 13*
- ✓ *Nov 8, 2026* *Romans Ch 14*
- ✓ *Nov 15, 2026* *Romans Ch 15*
- *Nov 22, 2026* *Romans Ch 16*

***Calendar note**: Logos Class Christmas Party – Hold Dec 12*

Quick Update ...*ICYMI*

Middle East

- *Israel continues its efforts against Hezbollah, and Hamas, and internal terrorism*
- *Houthis, with Iranian backing, attacking Saudi Arabia.*
- *Elections in Israel not conclusive . Most likely scenario is another election...a pivot point*

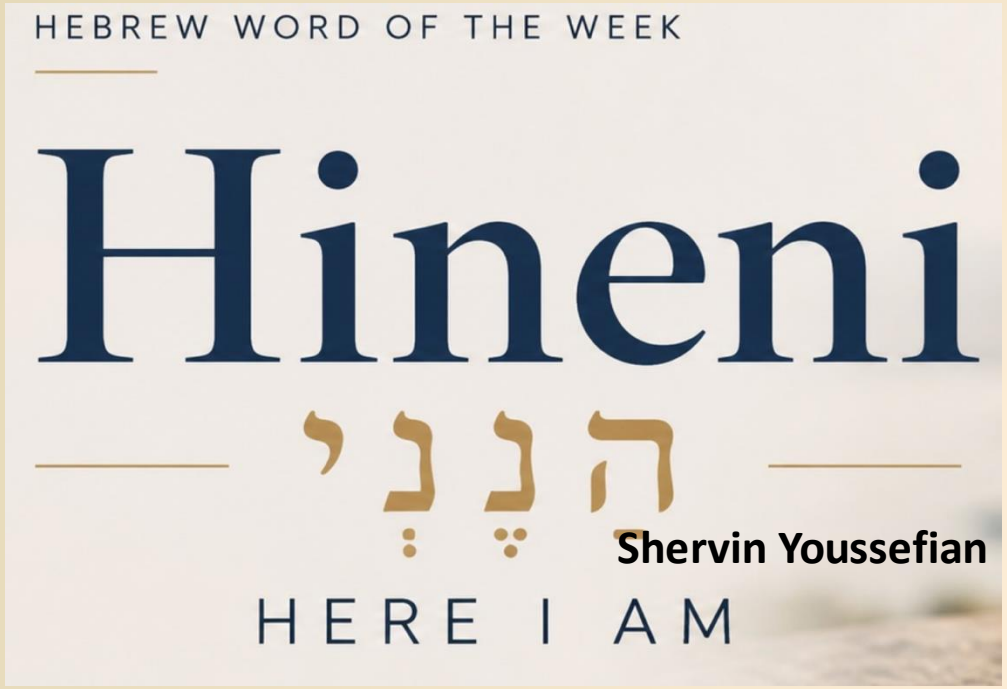
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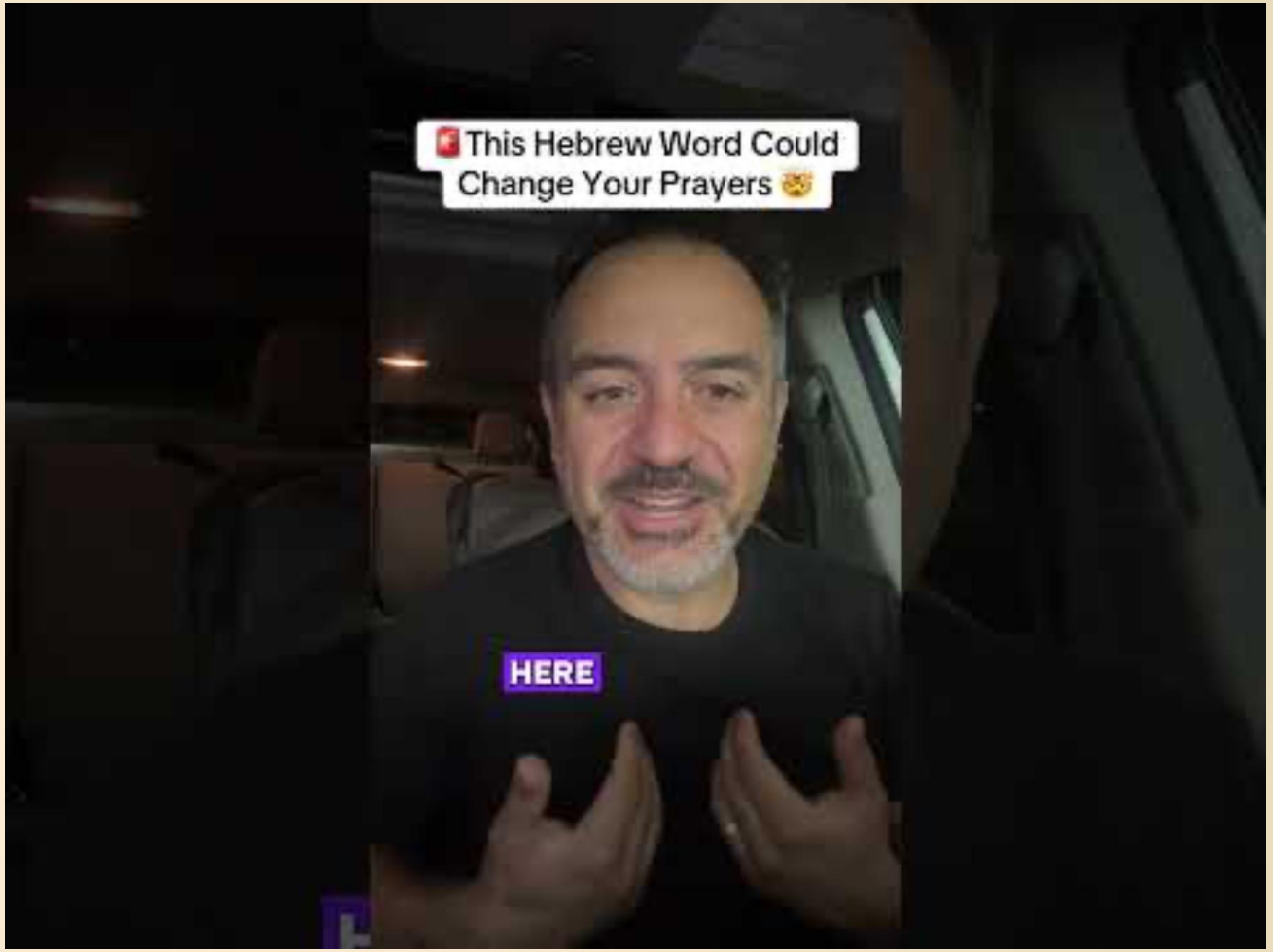
- *US Elections will change both US internal directions and relations with Israel, plus Iran War plans*
- *Most likely a flurry of activity while Trump still has both houses*
- *The Russia-Ukraine war is hard to understand where we are...prisoner exchange*
- *European countries are on fire...France, Spain, UK,. Rioters are everywhere. Massive destruction by immigrants against institutions sowing chaos*

Chaos everywhere, Antisemitism rampaging, Anti Christian activities, Anti Western too

So much is happening in the world it is hard to keep up with it

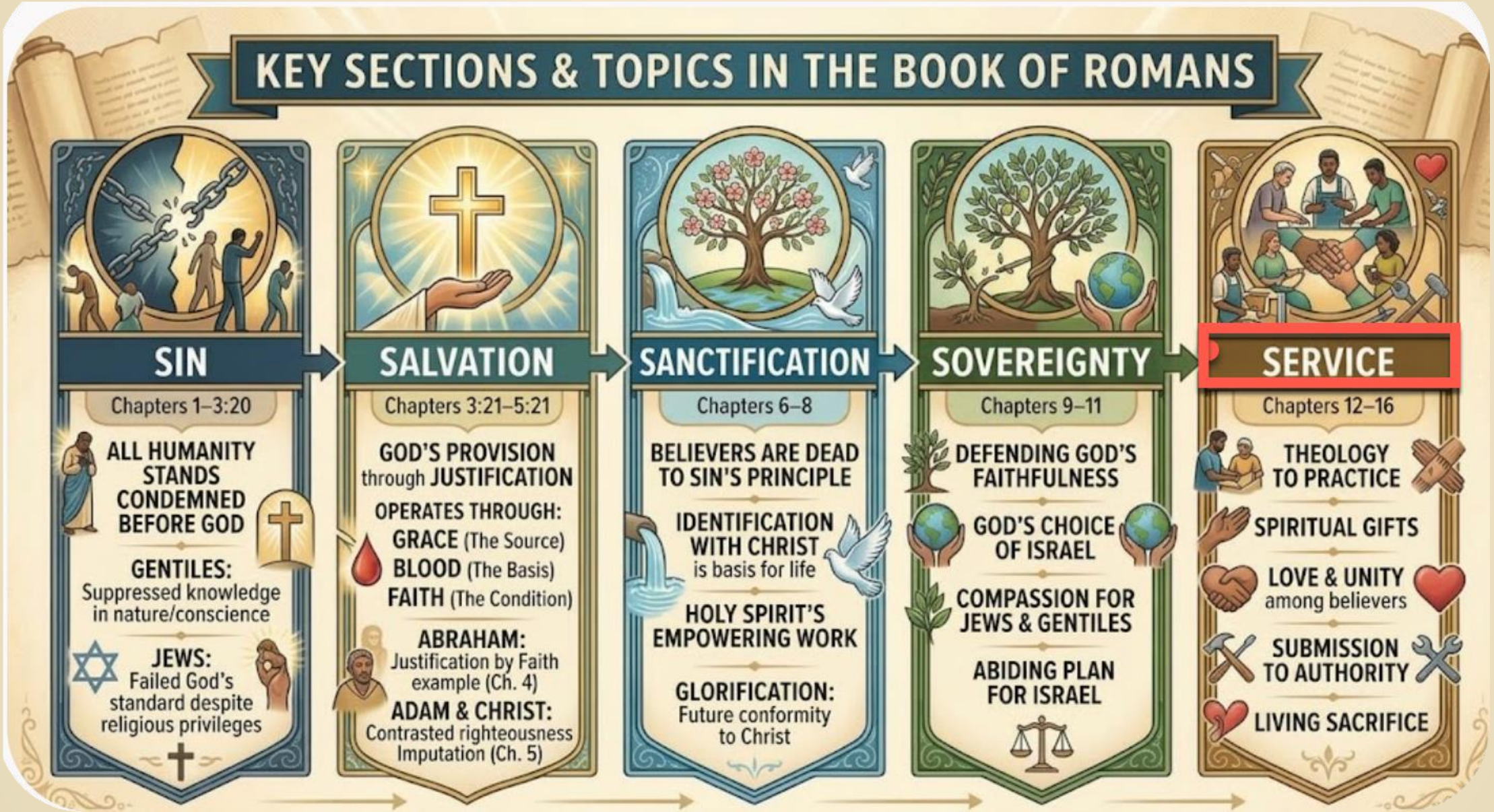
Did you know





Shervin Youssefian

Today we continue the Practical/ Service Section



What do we takeaway from Rom Ch 14?

- *Romans 14 is about a **divided church**. The Christians in Rome disagreed over whether believers should keep following certain Jewish practices from the law of Moses. Paul steps into the tension between the "weak" and the "strong" (likely Jews and Gentiles) and encourages them to be united and to welcome one another.*
- *This chapter is where the letter gets practical. Paul spent **chapters 1–11 on theology** and **chapters 12–13 on how we live**, building the case for unity between Jewish and non-Jewish believers. Now he tackles the everyday issues that were dividing the Roman Christians.*
- ***Here's the main point:** Every believer answers to God, not to each other, for how they live. Food and holy days are what we call **adiaphora,** meaning things Scripture neither requires nor forbids.*
- ***So how do we apply it**? We hold our freedom loosely, out of love for God and for each other. Being fellow Christians doesn't mean agreeing on every disputable question. We won't see eye to eye on everything in the Christian life, and we don't have to when it doesn't touch salvation.*

Adiaphora from the Greek Word Adiaphoron, meaning "indifferent or neutral"

On a personal level…

There are some things that are neutral from the scripture that are still very important and affect our worship. We can accept another's Christian experience and still be troubled in our spirit about some practices. When this occurs, we should not be ugly about it but also not just accept them as what we would do.

- Calvinism versus Free Will
- Replacement /Dominion Theology
- Baptism by immersion or sprinkling
- Open or closed Communion
- Congregational or Hierarchical church governance
- Spirit Gifts
- Prophecy

Uncompromising Beliefs

SOLA SCRIPTURA – In the Scriptures alone- We are people of the Book

SOLA GRATIA – In GRACE alone, no works
SOLA FIDE – Faith alone, no Jesus plus

SOLA CHRISTUS– In Christ Alone

SOLI DEO GLORIA – Glory to God alone

Priesthood of the Believer – This means that no other person stands between us and the Lord, no intermediary, no priest, no confessional, no Saints. *Each of us can and must go straight to the Lord (see Matt 27:51)*

Soul Competency

Today, we will pick up at Romans 15

- *This is the final teaching chapter of the book of Romans*
- *It finalizes Paul's discussions on Christian Relationships with one another*
- *It also gives us some strong ways we can live together in Christian Community*
- *Let's Dive in*

Romans 15:1-7 The Example of Christ

15 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

3 For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, *"The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." (Ps 69:9)*

4 ***For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.***

5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

6 ***that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ***.

7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:1-7 in Simpler terms

Paul quotes Psalm 69:9: *"The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."*

- **What Paul is doing:** He takes words David wrote about himself and says they're really about Jesus, who was willing to take the insults for God's sake. He changes from David to Jesus speaking these words
- **Why it matters:** If Jesus didn't just please himself, neither should we. The "strong" should look out for the "weak" instead of doing whatever they like. Be like the Example of Christ...
- **How Paul backs it up:** In Romans 15:4 he says the Old Testament was written to teach us, so that through endurance and encouragement we'd have hope.
- **By acting in harmony**, our voices and actions glorify God rather than be discordant notes

Romans 15:8-10 *Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles*

8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, *in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,*

9 **and** in *order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.* As it is written,

"Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

10 And again it says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

Romans 15:11-13 Hope is Coming

11 And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

12 And again Isaiah says,

*“The **root of Jesse will come,***
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the **power of the Holy Spirit** you may abound in hope.*

Romans 15:14-17 Paul's Work with Them

14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, **filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.**

15 But on some points, I have written to you very boldly ***by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God***

16 to be a ***minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles*** in the **priestly service of the gospel of God**, *so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

17 **In Christ Jesus, then**, I have reason to be proud of my work for God.

Because of the profound Grace that the Lord has given Paul, he is determined to do the work the Lord has called him to do, and be a minister to the Gentiles, to bring them to the Lord acceptably through the Holy Spirit

Romans 15:18-21 Paul's plan to visit Rome

18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has
accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—*by word and
deed,*

19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so
that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the
ministry of the gospel of Christ;

20 and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has
already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,

21 but as it is written,

"Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand."

Romans 15:22-25 Paul's current plans revealed

22 This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.

23 But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,

*24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to **Spain**, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.*

25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.

Romans 15:26-29 Gift for the Saints

[26] For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.

***[27] For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them**. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.*

[28] When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.

[29] I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

Romans 15:30-33 Paul's Hope for Support

30 I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, ***to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,***

31 that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, ***and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,***

32 so that ***by God's will*** *I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.*

33 May the God of peace be with you all. ***Amen.***

Romans 15 - The Main points to a Divided Church

Paul encourages the Roman Christians to get along. Those who are "strong" should be patient with those who are "weak," rather than putting their own preferences first. His prayer is that they will live in harmony, with Jesus at the center. The goal is to glorify God, and God is the one who makes this unity possible.

Jesus, the Example for us

Paul points to Jesus as our example and explains how Scripture encourages us. Instead of focusing on ourselves, we should be patient with others' weaknesses and help them grow. Show some "gospel-humility": "not thinking more or less of myself, ***it is thinking of myself less."***

Be welcoming to one another

Paul then asks believers to welcome one another. Jesus served both Jews and Gentiles, and they should follow his example. Paul uses Scripture to show that Gentiles, too, are included in praising God. He closes this section with a blessing, reminding believers that God equips them through the Holy Spirit.

Paul's ministry and plans

Finally, Paul explains why he is writing to the Roman churches, describes his missionary work among the Gentiles, and shares his travel plans and hopes that they will join with him.

What is the Main Takeaway?

Christian community grows stronger when we care about one another's spiritual well-being and let Jesus' selfless example guide us.

This is the final thought that Paul has for the Romans in this letter, and the final chapter (16) is the personal greetings from Paul to individuals in the church, and the inserted greeting of Tertius, the scribe who wrote this letter for Paul.

Also, some final comments from the Apostle and a Doxology / Blessing. We will deal with this final chapter and a summary of the Romans letter next week,

Next week

We will pick up where we left off; ***Read Romans Ch. 16 and think about what you have learned***

Pray for our Nation and its leaders, ***and the leaders elected***

- *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel*
- *Pray for the end of the wars, and the killing*

➢*Pray for our State and its Leaders,* ***and the leaders elected***

➢*Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders – safety and faithfulness*

➢*Pray for the needs of our class members and families*

Thank God for his mercy and grace for each of us as we struggle with life. Pray that you will be empowered to turn over your life to righteousness.

Remember, we are the clay in the potters' hands, and our nation is also in His hands. Let God be God

